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SOME BIG PROPOSITIONS IN ONTARIO

HOMESTAKE OF ONTARIO AND OTHER
BIG MINES WILL YET MAKE
ONTARIO FAMOUS.

THE MINER has received the cheering news that the placing of the stock of the big Homestake of Ontario gold mine is meeting with the most gratifying success in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and that applications are coming in from California to Philadelphia and other eastern cities. The success of the Homestake of South Dakota, the Alaska-Treadwell and other big mines in the west is so well known that it has been no trouble at all to float the Homestake of Ontario. The management, however, do not intend to let more of the stock get out than is absolutely necessary, and for that reason, the present price of 10c per share will not long be maintained, and it is very probable that if another block is sold it will be at a figure not less than par. Hence it behooves those who desire to get in on the ground floor to make application for stock without delay. It is also gratifying to know that arrangements are now completed for operating this great property on a large scale.

In speaking of this Homestake mine reminds THE MINER that the San Francisco Mining and Scientific Press, than which there is no better authority, unqualifiedly stated in a recent issue that the big low grade free milling gold mining propositions of Ontario soon or later would come to the front and would prove themselves to be the most successful and profitable mines.

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and were developed as such, have since proved themselves to be merely the pay streaks of big wide veins of pay ore, mostly of a schistose nature with a value of from \$5 per ton upwards of surface ore, with the surprising tendency common to all Ontario properties, to become richer as depth of working is attained.

The first big vein to be developed in Ontario was the Alice mine, located in the Seine river district. It is of a schistose formation from 300 to 800 feet in width. On the vein there are nine shafts and two cross cuts with a varying depth of from 3 to 90 feet. Assays taken, 15 in number, from these workings, gave a return of from \$3.00 to as high as \$50 to the ton in free milling gold, the average being \$20.35 per ton. Actual mill runs, however, gave from \$10.80 per ton upwards. The property is now idle pending sale to an English syndicate with ample means at their disposal to make the mine a big producer of gold.

Another big proposition is the Scramble mine, near Rat Portage, soon to be under active development again. The property is another big banded schistose formation, 500 or more feet wide, carrying values of from \$3 to \$5, with streaks of rich ore that have assayed as high as \$500 to the ton. A great deal of development work has been done on this big mine. It is very probable, however, that none of the stock of this company will reach the hands of Canadian or American investors as it is being placed in England and on the Continent. It is understood that the property, which possesses ample water power of its own, is to be equipped with a mill of several hundred stamps, and operations carried on in an extensive way.

The Hammond Reef gold mine is another immense proposition situated in the Saw Bill district, south of the Canadian Pacific Railway station of Bonheur. The ore is said to be quartzite with a width of from 300 to 700 feet. The original workings consisted of an open cut of about 30 feet wide. Ore taken from this cut and put through the 10 stamp mill first erected on the mine, gave 3 7/8 per ton on the plates, with a concentrate of about the same value. The mill is now enlarged to 10 stamps. As originally worked the mine was simply a quarry. The mill runs, while entirely satisfactory, being from surface ore, naturally were not of so high a value, because all experience in Ontario shows that values invariably increase with depth of working. Recent advices show that this rule holds good with regard to the Hammond Reef mine. A shaft was sunk in the quarry this winter which is now down 40 feet, making a total depth of about 70 feet from the surface. Ore taken from the bottom of the shaft averaged, from assays, \$13 to the ton free milling gold. This result must not only be most gratifying to the company owning that property, but it also must be encouraging to

HOSPITAL CARNIVAL

A Large Crowd Turn Out to
to the High
Carnival.

MANY HANDSOME COSTUMES WORN

THE ATTRACTIONS MUCH APPRECIATED
A GAY SCENE TAKEN
ALTOGETHER.

Last Friday night Victoria rink was crowded. Some very handsome and original costumes were exhibited and the character represented was also carried out. The scene was indeed a gay one and presented to the eye of the spectators a beautiful sight with kaleidoscopic changes. The costumers appeared on the ice sharp at eight and kept going about until 10:30.

It seems too bad that the finest event of the evening, the climax as it were, should occur first, as that rather dampened the effect produced by the other attractions. In this we refer to the Soldiers of the Queen drill by sixteen of our fairest and most graceful young ladies! Although they were to represent soldiers, it is an incontrovertible fact that the all looked to be queens, both in carriage and appearance. The exhibition was indeed a sight for impaired vision. The band played the Grenadier march to which music the drillers made a number of pleasing evolutions. The affair passed off with great acclat. The applause was vociferous. It might be in order here to say that the young ladies only had two nights of practice, so that they deserve great credit. They were instructed by Capt. D. T. Ferguson.

The costumes of the soldier were the regulation fatigue cap, red jacket trimmed with black band, and a slightly abbreviated black skirt. The sweet sixteen was made up of the following ladies: Misses Gattie Scovill, N. Williamson, J. McGunise, A. Johnson, J. Burrage, N. Cameron, B. Fitzgerald, C. Midgey, M. Jones,

Highland Lassie; 2nd, Alice Baker, Pickaninny; 3rd, Mammie Coate, Queen of Hearts.

The following includes all those who attended the carnival in fancy dress: Ladies—C. Roland, Turkish Lady; Mrs. A. R. Holland, Daughter of the Regiment, Mrs. John Neale, Queen of Liberty, Mrs. W. H. Burrage, Joan of Arc; Miss M. Kouk, skirt dancer; Mrs. E. Bollenfelder, Spanish dancing girl; Miss A. Hughes, May Queen of Sports; Mrs. Wm. Gardner, Gipsy Queen; Mrs. Penn, Follow the drum; Miss H. Yates, Evergreen; Miss E. A. Yates, THE MINER; Miss M. J. Labrousniere, nurse; Mrs. E. R. Goldwin, nurse; Miss M. F. Ritchie, Japanese; Miss R. W. Ritchie, Highland Lassie; Miss E. D. Rouge et Noir; Miss M. H. snow shoe girl; Miss N. McKinnon, Highland Lassie; Miss A. B. Young, Sister Constance; Miss M. Lamuel, Highland Mary; Miss M. Young, 1000 year old girl; Miss M. McLoughlin, Canada; Mrs. I. W. Ferrier, Gipsy lady; Mrs. W. R. Wilson, Flight of time; 1st, Misses Baker, Coats and Ours Cochrane, three witches of Macbeth.

Girls under 16 years, Mammie Coate, Queen of Hearts; Alice Baker, Pickaninny; Nigro wench; Marian Mitchell, Highland Lassie.

Men—A. G. Plunkett, soldier of the Queen; W. Griffith, chief of police; A. Island, policeman; R. Howard, Irish policeman; A. R. Holland, civil settler; C. Hilliard, dune; H. Nell, cowboy; T. M. Hyndman, student; G. Bolton, Uncle Sam; F. Schneider, British flag; J. McPhail, Dude Brownie; P. McRitchie, Egyptian; T. Bolyea, man-of-war's man; J. Lightfoot, clown; W. Johnson, college student; A. McPhail, Jockey; F. R. Godwin, Jack in the box; E. Chapman, snow shaver; P. Williams, canary; C. G. Clark, rough rider; W. Richards, bullfrog; J. A. Jack, Sir Knight; J. W. Nunn, belle of the town; T. Hayes, Santa Claus; C. H. Carpenter, courier; R. W. Ferrier, gentleman of the 19th century; T. Hanson, home rule; Dr. Ludlow, Robinhood.

Boys under 16 years, Jim Abbott, comedian; J. Henry Holland, Buller's scout; S. Scovill, Tipsey; Percy Sherrington, Turk; Willie Mather, belle of Coon Town; R. F. Mather, students; Robbie Rodgers, soldier of the Queen; A. S. Nicholson, Scotch shepherd; Campton Brydon, newsboy; Harry Hall, King George's bodyguard; John Martin, cowboy; Charlie Rann and

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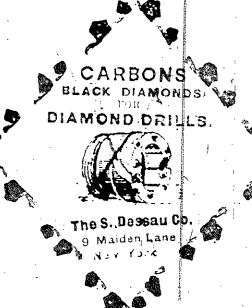
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The Yerman Band came out and rendered that classic "Vere do mine leetle dog went" with "variegations". Some of the boys were evidently suffering from adiposity. But they seemed to be cheerful about it—that is, it was cheerful about them. The band was composed of the following members: Leader Herr, Viereckigkepp, Zweibert, Pitzelbresser, Dinkelspiel, Guggenheimer, Schlitz, Anheuser-Busch, Sauerkraut, Blumentkranz and Bockfischer.

Then came the noble red. We refer to the pow-wow, in which several pale faces were doped and painted in most approved style. The crowd of braves dashed upon the ice and with blood-curdling yells began their pow-wow. The tom-toms suffered, but the participants evidently found it somewhat difficult to do the genuine step on skates, as several of the big "injun" were prone to become entangled in their blankets and lay on the ice. It would appear that the young men taking part had seen, or read closely regarding the pow-wow, as practised by the aborigines and gave as true an imitation as could be given on skates.

The fact that the costumes were in such variety, both in color and composition, made the evolutions seem unique. Then came the awarding of prizes. Among those for which no prize was given we think that of Mrs. Godwin was very original and appropriate. Another one was that of Miss Eunice Yates, representing THE MINER. The costume was something new and "design" of the "face" original and attractive. The "appearance" of the "paper" never shone to a better advantage than on this occasion and as it glided over the ice its "circulation" was good. The "press" and work was a credit to any artistic press man and all the printers in town are jealous of the splendid "mak-up" and wishing they were "folding" machines. Then the "quill" in the neat "Cap" spelling Miner, could not be better inspired than from the charming "head" of its wearer. This "type" would certainly make delicious "pi".

The prizes awarded were as follows: Men—1st, Dr. Laidlaw, as Robin-hood; 2nd, W. Ferrier, Gent. of 10th Century; 3rd, P. Williams, Canary; Comic, Jno. McPhail, Dude Brownie.

Boys under 16—1st, H. Hall, King George's Body Guard; 2nd, W. Mitchell, Indian hunter; 3rd, A. McKinnon, courtier; comic, mother.

Boys under 10—1st, A. Cameron, Lord Roberts; 2nd, Bettie Gunne, Prince Charming; 3rd, Geo. Derry, N. A. Indian best clown; Jas. Lightfoot, Ladies 1st, Mrs. R. W. Wilson, Flight of Time; 2nd, Miss Burroughs Joan of Arc; 3rd, M. E. Ritchie, Japanese comic; Misses Whitehead, Gray and McGillivray, witches.

Girls under 16—1st, Myrtle McCann, May queen; 2nd, Blondin Dorais, lady of 19th century; 3rd, Kate Chapman, Scotch Lassie Jane; comic, M. Mitchell, Doughboub.

Girls under 10—1st, Marian Mitchell.

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Boys under 10 years—Bruce McKenzie, Indian hunter; Roxy Beaudro, hockey player; Betty Gunne, Prince Charming; John Eager, Brooman; Lora Cameron, Lord Roberts; Henry McGuire, comic of Henry the VIII.; George Derry, N. A. Indian; John Robertson, drummer; Lewis Dorais, Poor Joe; Willie Clark, Peck's Bad Boy; John Hooper, young student; Jas. Hooper, hodiecarrier; Percy Wilson, old-fashioned sunflower; Ruby Wilson, Queen's Own.

Hammond Reef.
A meeting of the Hammond Reef Mining Company was held in Toronto last Thursday to receive an important report from Mr. A. E. Hogue, the mining engineer. Mr. Hogue was satisfied with the mill tests and strongly recommends the system of mining by quarrying, which is that followed by the management. Regarding the 40 stamp mill, he says it is well designed and substantially erected, and will doubtless give good satisfaction. He also recommends the addition of a second and more powerful rock crusher, which, he says, will increase the capacity of the stamps 15 per cent.

A Military Company for Rat Portage.
A movement is on foot to organize a military company in Rat Portage. A large number have signed their intention of joining. We have a trio of military men here in the persons of Capt. D. T. Ferguson, Dr. Schmitt and G. A. Kobold, besides whom there are a number of others who have either had experience in militia or active service. It is the intention to secure authorization by the government for the establishment of a battalion in this district, and if possible, a military band. This move is a good one, and if it does no more than provide a division for our young men it will be beneficial, but it will be beneficial in the fact that the training has a good effect physically, and discipline has a good effect morally and should make men better in their social relations. Then again, while it is improbable that Canada will ever need any soldiers for defense it is well to be prepared. It is well to be so prepared that when attacked by an enemy such a crushing defeat will be administered that the outset that the war will be ended almost as soon as it began. Hoping it is to be hoped that the movement for the organization of a military battalion in this district will meet with success, and it is quite evident from the present spirit and enterprise manifested in connection with the matter that it will be.

The Thalia club met at Mrs. Gunne's last Monday evening and spent a most pleasant time.

THE BRITISH ARMY

Interesting Information Regarding Its Strength and Formation.

A LARGE FORCE KEPT IN INDIA.

THE TOTAL FORCE AVAILABLE FOR HOME DEFENCE AMOUNTS TO 600,000 MEN.

The following information is compiled by the New York Tribune: A regiment is composed of two regular battalions, two of militia, and from two to five of volunteers. The only exception is in the case of the Cameron Highlanders, who have only one regular battalion. The peace strength of a battalion is about 800 men, with a full complement of officers for 10 companies. To raise it to its war strength of 1,000 men and to repair the losses of war, it is reinforced by drafts from the other battalion on the home station. The militia battalions are about the same strength, but the volunteer battalions range from 300 up to 2,250 strong in the case of one battalion in the west of England. Thus a regiment may comprise from 5,000 to 10,000 men, but the militia and volunteer battalions are available only for home defence, and half of the regular army being perpetually on foreign service, there remains only one battalion of each regiment available for an emergency call, such as the present Boer war. The battalion may be very weak from having sent drafts to its sister battalion abroad, and it is further weakened by the weeding out of recruits of less than one year's service, and workmen who are not considered able to stand a foreign climate. These are all left behind at the depot, and the battalion is raised to its full strength of 1,000 men by taking men from the army reserve. The regular army is 180,000 strong, but only one-half of it is kept in the United Kingdom, 74,000 men being kept permanently in India and the remainder in the colonies and dependencies.

The army reserve is composed of men who have enlisted for 12 years and have served six with the colors. Then they retire into private life on a retaining fee of sixpence per day, and are obliged to return to the colors for service whenever called upon. When called out they receive the regular pay

government provides the arms and accoutrements, and the regiment provides its armory and drill grounds. The expenses of the officers are so heavy that only rich men can hold commissions. Most of them are appointed provisionally, and can be removed and replaced by retiring officers of the regular army, should the regiment be called out for service. Each battalion has a permanent staff of adjutant, sergeant-major, and drill instructors from the regular army, and the most rigid discipline is maintained.

Should a volunteer or militiaman wish to enlist for active service, he is simply transferred to one of the regular battalions of his own regiment, the uniform being the same in all. Many volunteer battalions have offered their services to the government in war times, either for duty in the field, or to relieve regular troops in garrisons abroad, but the offer has always been coldly declined. The volunteer force comprises 161,000 men, and with a little encouragement from the military authorities could easily be doubled. Besides all these there is another body of which no account is ever taken, the Royal Irish Constabulary. It is armed, equipped and drilled precisely the same as regular troops, comprises cavalry, artillery and infantry, and is, in effect, a little army doing police duty. It is 15,000 strong, and is also available for home defence, bringing up the total home establishment to nearly 600,000 men.

The Indian establishment consists of 74,000 British and 174,000 native troops, 16,000 native army reserves, and 20,000 Imperial service troops, all of them available for service in any part of the world. The proportion between British and native troops is fixed by law, as a result of the Indian mutiny, at 1 to 2. This army is not nearly strong enough to maintain order among a population of nearly 200,000,000, and the native army cannot be increased without increasing the British forces in proportion, which is out of the question. The difficulty was got around by forming a new army, 180,000 strong, under the guise of an armed police force. It is composed of men drawn from the northern tribes, the very pick of the population of India, and is, on the whole, a better fighting machine than the native Indian army, recruited as it is in part from the southern provinces, the natives of which make inferior soldiers. The armies maintained by the Indian princes aggregate 355,000 men, including 50,000 cavalry and 2,000 guns, and these armies have time and again been offered to the British government for service in any part of the world. From prudential motives the British government has always refused the offer, but to please the princes agreed to accept 20,000 men of Imperial service troops. These men are trained by

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peries there is a heterogeneous collection of troops numbering a trifle over 30,000. They comprise all races, black, white, brown and yellow. Some of these are under the control of the colonial office, some of the foreign office, a few of the war department, and the remainder of chartered companies. For the recent expedition to the Niger region the troops were contributed by the Niger coast protectorate, the Royal Niger Company, and the war department, while the navy provided the gunners. The war office is now considering a scheme for the consolidation of all these forces. The chief defensive force of the empire is the navy, which is manned by 76,000 seamen and 18,000 marines. Behind this is a naval reserve of 10,000 sailors and fishermen who undergo an annual training. The law provides for conscription for the militia whenever it falls below a certain strength, but the occasion has never arisen to necessitate the enforcement of the law.

Canada and its Militia.

Toronto World: The time is drawing near, if it has not already arrived, for Canada to assume responsibility for the appointment of the commander of the Canadian militia officially known as the General Officer Commanding. Our experience with the system of having this official appointed by the British government has been anything but satisfactory. Canada has as good material for generalship as the mother country. We believe we will develop more rapidly from a military point of view if we are placed altogether on our own resources than if we servilely follow British models and British ideas. We can say with out boasting that Canada is away ahead of Great Britain in many particulars. For one thing we are quicker to take up new ideas. In our business instincts we are more Yankee than British. For a people of six millions we are, perhaps, as progressive as any country in the world. During the past 20 years we have become a manufacturing people and in electrical and some other kinds of machinery we

transport, is expected back at Southampton from South Africa in a day or two. She is ordered to take out another lot of troops.

Messrs. Elder, Dempster intimate that parcels for British soldiers in the war will be taken free of charge by any of their steamers going to South Africa.

Big Water Scheme.

One of the greatest things to be accomplished in the Black Hills in the near future will be the construction of the water ditch from the headwaters of Spearfish creek to this city, to be done by the Homestake company. There has been considerable speculation why the Burlington railway company is building a road from Dumont around the steep grade of the Spearfish route to Elmore, in Spearfish canon. It is now known that the road will be used chiefly to get the heavy machinery delivered to the new pumping station. The Homestake company has sent for two duplex pumps, which will cost \$75,000 each, and the piping that will be used in bringing the water in from the headwaters of the Spearfish to the city of Lead will require about 600 cars for its transportation. The company has already placed an order for 150 carloads of steel pipes, which will weigh about a ton and a quarter each. The boilers and engines are mammoth pieces of machinery, and they will have to be hauled to the pumping station on board the cars. The Homestake company has a large force of men at work already, running the ditch for the pipes. It is stated that the gold that will be saved by the new cyanid process that the Homestake is putting in below the stamp mills at Lead will more than pay for all the improvements that the Homestake has planned in the next three years. Those who know of what they are talking state that the Homestake company will increase, possibly double, the capacity of the stamp mills in the city as soon as the water from Spearfish is brought in. It is believed that the pay roll of the Homestake company, which now amounts to over \$150,000 per month, will be doubled in

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The army reserve is composed of men who have enlisted for 12 years and have served six with the colors. Then they retire into private life on a retaining fee of sixpence per day, and are obliged to return to the colors for service whenever called upon. When called out they receive the regular pay of their rank and the government makes a stipulated allowance to their wives and to every member of their families. The army reserve is 83,000 strong, and should that be exhausted, the militia reserve is called out. The militiaman is a civilian for 11 months of the year, and for the twelfth he is a soldier, and serves in barracks or under canvas. Most of the militia battalions are much superior to the regulars in physique, and, perhaps, in intelligence, and very little inferior in drill and discipline. A bounty and a small addition to his pay is given to every militiaman who enrolls in the reserve, and in some cases the aristocracy of county families add a few pounds to the bounty of every man in their county who joins the reserve. The militia reserve is probably 100,000 strong, but no official returns have been published of late years. And the militia another reserve has been existing up. The recruits left at the depot have been completing their year's probationary service and are eligible for service abroad. There is always a rush of recruits in war time, and the men at the depot form a sort of military school, so that there will always be a more or less trained militia force on the home station, to stiffen the militia and volunteer forces on which the country will rely for protection in the event of all the regular battalions being taken out of the country. The militia is 132,000 strong. Between the militia and the volunteers stand the yeomanry cavalry, 12,000 strong. It is composed for the most part of young farmers and sons of the landed gentry. Each man is required to provide his own horse and to bring out the same animal every year for training. The training is very much the same as that of the militia, but the men get no pay, beyond an allowance of 6 cents a day for their horses. The yeomanry are accounted by the military experts the most efficient of the auxiliary forces.

The volunteers occupy very much the same position in Britain, that the militia do in the United States, except that they receive no pay whatever. The regiment draws a capitation grant from the government for each man who renders himself efficient each year, but the grant is barely sufficient to pay for the uniforms. Any man who does not qualify for the grant has to take it out of his own pocket, upon pain of being taken before the nearest magistrate and being sent to jail. The

The armies maintained by the Indian princes aggregate 355,000 men, including 50,000 cavalry and 2,000 guns, and these armies have (and again been offered) to the British government for service in any part of the world. From prudential motives the British government has always refused the offer, but to please the princes agreed to accept 20,000 men as imperial service troops. These men are trained by British officers, and are as efficient as any troops in India. For purposes of defense, there are 20,000 European and Eurasian volunteers, and indefinite numbers of frontier militia and local levies. These levies consist for the most part of warlike tribes, inhabiting the mountainous regions along the northwestern frontier. Each tribe receives an annual payment from the Indian government for guarding the mountain passes and protecting the trade routes, but no one could tell how many men they could supply in a case of emergency, or how efficient these men would prove themselves. Considerable doubt has been cast up on the wisdom of this policy, since the outbreak of the Afghani few years ago, and outbreak which it took an army of 50,000 to quell. A new policy is to be inaugurated by which the tribe is to supply a certain number of men for a local militia, and these men are to be commanded by British officers. It will take many years to work out the scheme, but in the end it will provide a formidable reserve force to cope with a possible Russian advance. It is calculated that the army for the defense of India aggregates nearly 1,000,000 men, but no half of these are a match for white troops.

For the defense of the other depen-

Women's Ailments.



Women are coming to understand that the Backaches, Headaches, Tired Feelings and Weak Spasms from which they suffer are due to wrong action of the kidneys.

DOAN'S Kidney Pills

are the most reliable remedy for any form of kidney complaint. They drive away pains and aches, make women healthy and happy—able to enjoy life to the fullest.

Mrs. C. H. Gillespie, 204 Britian Street, St. John, N. B., says:

"I had severe kidney trouble for which I consulted with a number of the best physicians in St. John, but received little relief. Hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills, I began their use. Before taking them I could not stoop to tie my shoes, and at times suffered such torture that I could not turn over in bed without assistance. Doan's Kidney Pills have relieved me from this terrible condition, and removed every pain and ache."

on boasting that Canada is always ahead of Great Britain in many particulars. For one thing we are quicker to take up new ideas. In our business instincts we are more Yankee than British. For a people of six millions we are, perhaps, as progressive as any country in the world. During the past 20 years we have become a manufacturing people and in electrical and some other kinds of machinery we are right up to date, more so than Great Britain itself. Recent experiences in the South African war have disclosed the fact that the British generals do not know it all. A little independent rivalry between the forces at home and those in the colonies would do no harm to the Imperial army. Canada has proved her capacity to take care of herself under all conditions which have arisen up to date. There need be no misgiving as to her ability to manage her military affairs without the intervention of a general from the mother country. We take this view, not because of any prejudice against English military men, but because we believe we would make greater progress if we are left to ourselves and are compelled to assume full responsibility for our efficiency as a military nation.

The Imperial Yeomanry.

Messrs. Elder, Dempster, Limited, have chartered three of their great fleet to convey Imperial Yeomanry, and, as far as present indications go, the embarkations will take place at Liverpool. The three boats in question are the steamers Lake Erie, which has just arrived in the Mersey from the builders, Montegle and Mount Royal, and they have been surveyed by the Imperial Yeomanry surveyor, and have come through the ordeal with flying colors. They are all first class boats; indeed, it would have been impossible to obtain vessels better adapted for the carriage of horses. The Lake Erie in particular is a splendid cavalry carrier. Her high 'tween decks and shelter decks admirably meet the requirements of the service for which the vessel has been chartered. Mr. A. L. Jones, the principal of Messrs. Elder, Dempster, Limited, who has done so much by gratuitous extras to add to the comfort and enjoyment of the soldiers who have sailed to the Cape on one or other of the vessels chartered to the government by this firm, is personally interesting himself in the matter of fitting out, provisioning, etc., of the ships which are engaged to carry the Imperial Yeomanry. It is, therefore, needless to say that everything possible which can conduce to the pleasure and happiness of the Yeomanry while on the water will be provided.

The Elder, Dempster liner Prabh, which has arrived at the Cape from the River Plate, succeeded in landing all her horses in good condition.

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Despondency and Melancholia Result From Kidney and Liver Trouble.

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Roseau Times, 7: Paul Marschalk, of the Lake of the Woods, is a rustler and no mistake. He was the first shipper over the Southeastern Railway from the end of the track east of the Sprague. On Tuesday he shipped two carloads of fish. This makes four cars of fish shipped by Paul since the road was extended east of Sprague and he expects to ship two more cars before spring opens. Mr. Marschalk was in town Monday but drove back to War Road the same day so as to be on hand to see after the loading of his cars.

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LORD STRATHCONA.

A Short Sketch of His Successful and Brilliant Career.

LONG SERVICE WITH THE H. B. CO.

HIS MAGNIFICENT GIFT TO THE EMPIRE—OTHER PRINCIPAL BENEFACCTIONS.

The magnificent offer of this nobleman to arm, equip, and convey at his own charges, from the Northwest Territories of Canada to South Africa, a force of at least 500 mounted officers and men—a proposal which has been gratefully accepted by the war office—calls attention once more to one of the most remarkable personalities of our time. Few men have had a more extraordinary career, and certainly it falls far below the lot of any one who has given such length of days, crowned with such success, and so many honors, as has fallen to the portion of Lord Strathcona.

Lord Strathcona, who is now in his eightieth year, began life as an apprentice clerk in the service of the Honorable Hudson's Bay company in 1828. In those days the Hudson's Bay company resembled in its measure the East India company, and was much more than the great commercial enterprise it is at the present time. Then and for many years afterwards, the government of the vast country known as Rupert's Land, whose area was something like that of Europe, was in the hands of the governor of the company and their officers, who were stationed at hundreds of posts, or forts, throughout this enormous territory. The service was one which was a strong appeal to young fellows, and the youths who loved the adventure and were inclined to make light of hardships. And promotion, accompanied by substantial financial rewards, came at a rather long interval. The great career of the company's officers were drawn from the north of Scotland, and Donald Alexander Smith, now Lord Strathcona, was a Morayshire man. His first position took him to the post of Ungava, on the inner coast of Labrador, where he remained for two years. Once a year, and only once in two years, did news from the outside world reach this

smoother way to a permanent settlement. When Manitoba, the scene of the rebellion, was organized as a province of the Dominion in 1870, Lord Strathcona was the first member of parliament in the Dominion house of commons, for the new constituency of Winnipeg. A few years later he sat for another Manitoba constituency—that of Selkirk. Defeated in 1880, he retired from politics till 1887, when he was returned for Montreal West by a majority of 1,450, and again in 1891 by a majority of over 3,700. In 1890, he again went on a special commission to Manitoba—on this occasion in connection with the famous school question. In April of the same year was offered and accepted the position of high commissioner for the Dominion of Canada in London, which he still occupies.

In 1877 Strathcona became a director of the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1887 deputy governor, and in 1888, he was elected governor and their supreme head in London. This responsible and honorable position is still held by him. It would take some space to enumerate the many honorary and important railway, banking and other commercial positions occupied and still held by this remarkable man.

But successful as Lord Strathcona has been in business, and conspicuous as he has been in the political life of Canada, his chief claim upon us in this country lies in the fact that he has been one of the empire builders. He has been for some time a member of the council of the British Empire League, and was one of the leading spirits in the Imperial Federation League in Canada. And it is to Lord Strathcona more than to any other man that we owe that splendid imperial highway across Canada—the Grand Pacific Railway. Speaking at a banquet in London in 1897, Sir Charles Tupper, a man who had not always held the friendliest opinion of Lord Strathcona, said that the Canadian Pacific Railway might have had no existence today, notwithstanding all that the Canadian government had done to support the undertaking, had it not been for the indomitable pluck, energy and determination of Lord Strathcona. There were many dark days in the early history of the Canadian Pacific Railway, when its defeat seemed certain owing to lack of funds; but Lord Strathcona triumphantly pulled it through. His services to the empire in connection with the construction of the road were acknowledged by the Queen by his being made a K.C.M.G. in 1881—the higher rank of grand cross of the sun—honorable order being conferred upon him on his becoming high commissioner for Canada. In 1887 he was raised to the peerage, under the style of Baron Strathcona of Glenelg and Mount

A QUEER SENSATION.

HOW IT FEELS TO BE HELD UP AT THE POINT OF A REVOLVER.

Curious Phenomenon That Causes Each Man in a Roomful to Believe That a Weapon is Pointed Straight at His Own Head.

"If you will take my word for a little experience I had recently, perhaps I can make clear to you how it is possible for three bad men to hold up a roomful of fairly brave men and get away safely with their money," said a merchant from the state of Washington who was a guest at the Lotus club one night recently. "I was in such a hold up not long ago, and I have ceased jeering at fellows who have been through similar experiences. I was one of 70 men who were held up in a large gambling hall, and as I am not a regular patron of such places I kept quiet about it at home. The gambling house is one of the best known in the west, and on the night of the hold up it was filled with a representative crowd. A search would have disclosed the fact undoubtedly that many of the men present were armed. No trouble in recent years has occurred in this place, and there was no reason to anticipate any. It was nearly midnight when the door opened and three men, masked and each holding two revolvers, entered the room.

"Hands up, quick!" shouted the foremost man. "I am sitting at a faro table when I heard this command, and as I looked up I found a revolver pointing straight at my head. When I compared notes with the other seventy odd men later, I found that each one had the same experience. There were only six revolvers, and yet each man in the room was willing to swear that one of them was pointed at his head all the time. The crowd was simply paralyzed with fright. For two or three seconds not a man moved. Then over in one corner a Landville sport brought his hand around to reach his hip pocket.

"Stop that or I'll shoot," said one of the masked men, covering him with his revolver. "Hands up, now; quick! We mean business."

"Every man in that room did hold his hands up. There was no hesitation then. It was my first experience in that kind of game, but it was not until I was able to take my hands down that I realized how tiresome the operation was. There we stood, each man with his hands stretched high above his head, held up in a room on a busy street when an entry would bring help at once. It was a queer sight this, however, that no one would raise the cry. The three masked men had eyes for every move, and they were as quick as all was of once. I was sorry for a man who has not been through such an experience to suggest that if several men had only made a break these fellows would have run. I can honestly say that the barrel of the revolver into which I looked seemed to me to be as large as a sewer pipe. I even thought that I could see the end of the barrel, and I was awfully afraid that the man who held the revolver might get nervous and shoot me by accident. I tried to look pleasant to appease him. All this had taken perhaps a minute or a half when the spokesman started to us.

"I've up against that wall with you backs to me, and the man who takes his hands down will get shot. Quick now, gentlemen, if you please. Obey orders and you won't get hurt."

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No invention of the century may

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Goods called for and delivered to any part of Rat Portage, Keewatin or Norman.

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Sheriff's Sale OF LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the District Court of the District of Rainy River, and to me directed and delivered, against the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of C. A. Macdonald at the suit of D. W. Douglas.

I have seized and taken into execution—

- All the said C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest of, in and to, an undivided one-half interest in Mining Location leasehold N.T. 16, N.T. 17, and N.T. 18, northwest of Pipestone Lake in the District of Rainy River, being Leasehold No. 1961, and known in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage as Parcel No. 1961.
- All the aforesaid C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest of, in and to, Mining Location leasehold H.P. 167, lease No. 1988, also known as parcel No. 1331 in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage in the District aforesaid.
- His interest in Mining Location leasehold H.P. 167, containing 90 acres, and known as Parcel No. 1331 in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.
- His interest in Mining Location leasehold H.P. 167, containing 90 acres, and known as Parcel No. 1331 in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

All of which I shall offer for sale at my office at the Court House, at Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, on Saturday, 24th November, 1899, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the aforesaid C. A. Macdonald's estate, right, title and interest of, in and to, the aforesaid leaseholds, being Mining Lots N.T. 16, 17, 18; H.P. 167, 167, 161 and 162.

Sheriff's Office, Rat Portage, 1st November, 1899.

W. H. CARPENTER, Sheriff, District of Rainy River.

This Sale is Postponed to Saturday, 24th February, 1900, at the same time and place.

Sheriff's Sale OF LEASEHOLD LANDS.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the District Court of the District of Rainy River, and to me directed and delivered, against the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, of D. B. Brown at the suit of W. P. Douglas.

I have seized and taken into execution—

- All the said defendant's, D. B. Brown's, right, title and interest of, in and to, Mining Location leasehold one-half interest of 6.6 known as leasehold Parcel 127, subject to the right of one A. H. Cline under an agreement filed as a caution against the property in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage in the District of Rainy River.
- A three eighths interest in Mining Location leasehold A.L. 131, east of Red Vermilion Lake, known as leasehold Parcel 190, subject to an agreement for sale thereof made by T. H. Gilmour, registered by way of caution in March, 1891, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.
- His one quarter interest in Mining Location leasehold H.P. 167, known as leasehold Parcel 26, subject to an agreement made with one A. H. Cline, registered in the Lands Titles Office.

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Send a Rough Drawing in Lead Pencil of your Idea, Improvement or Invention, with a clear description of it, and we will promptly tell you if it is new and probably patentable, absolutely Free. **FREE** Valuable "Success Book" "How to get a Patent." **MARION & MARION, Experts,** Temple Bldg. Montreal. The only firm of graduate engineers in the Dominion transacting patent business exclusively. Highest references.

...times a little long in coming, but sooner or later assured. The great majority of the company's officers were drawn from the north of Scotland, and Donald Alexander Smith, now Lord Strathcona, was a Morayshire boy. His first position took him to the lonely post of Ungava, on the inaccessible coast of Labrador, where he spent five years. Once a year, and sometimes only once in two years, did news from the outside world reach this isolated fort of the company—the long periods of silence otherwise remaining unbroken save for the rare visits of the seal-hunters bringing furs and pelts and change for guns and powder and tobacco and other articles of merchandise.

It had always been the honorable policy of the company to promote their officers according to an established system, after twenty years as a clerk, a man was advanced to the position of foreman, and was perhaps put in charge of a small trading post. Next after a man had been in office, or for merit, he was promoted to the higher rank of chief factor, and some men remained chief factor for many divisions. Two higher divisions were recognized in 1872. The first was to be reached by the man who had been a factor, or better, a chief factor, when a large number of men would be employed in the same division. Each of these two divisions carried with it an increase in the dividends of the company, which paid three commissions to its officers by shares, but for the employees, Lord Strathcona made all the arrangements. He was Chief Factor for the Mackenzie River, while he had resigned from February 1874, he had held for many years, and more responsible position. In July, 1876, he was appointed Chief Factor for the Mackenzie River, and in 1872, he became the confidential land commissioner of the Yukon Bay Co.

His record of achievement would be a long list for most men; but it is not one of the most remarkable. When he was nearly thirty years of age, a serious illness occurred at Fort Garry, Winnipeg, as it was coming to be called, which are known in Canadian history as the "Red River Rebellion." It is remembered that Lord Wolcott, with fame as being in command of the expedition which put it down, and it was owing to the fact that Lord Strathcona first appeared prominently in public life, being named by the Dominion government as a special commissioner to enquire into the causes which had led to the rebellion. The troubles had arisen in the fact that latterly been the chief seat of the company's business territory, and Lord Strathcona's knowledge and of the country people, combined with his tact and prudence,

seemed certain owing to his position; but Lord Strathcona triumphantly pulled it through. His services to the empire in connection with the construction of the road were acknowledged by the Queen by his being made a K.C.M.G. in 1881—the higher rank of grand cross of the same honorable order being conferred upon him on his becoming high commissioner for Canada. In 1897 he was raised to the peerage, under the style of Baron Strathcona, of Glenora and Mount Royal, Montreal, Canada. He purchased the estate of Glenora, Scotland, historic Glenora, in 1895.

Lord Strathcona's last gift is one of a series of princely benefactions. Some years ago he, in conjunction with Lord Mount Stephen, another Scottish Canadian, advanced to the people in recognition of his services with respect to the Canadian Pacific Railway, gave \$1,000,000 to the Royal Victoria Hospital, in Montreal, a sum which he supplemented by further donations of nearly as much, again for its maintenance. To the University of McGill, of which he is a benefactor, he gave \$100,000, including a \$100,000 endowment for the higher education of women. In 1891, connected in Montreal and endowed the Royal Victoria college for the higher education of women. He has founded many scholarships in schools and colleges in Canada, and has been concerned in founding two more at the Royal College of Music in London for Canadians. He is a great patron of art, and his house in Dorchester street, Montreal, contains some magnificent paintings, among them the "First Communion," by Breton, for which he gave £2,000 sterling. And, certainly, in this last act of his he has established a new claim to our interest and admiration. It is also eminently appropriate that the troop (Strathcona House) he is thereby adding to the British army should be drawn from that portion of the Dominion with which he has been associated for many years.—The Sketch, London.

Singers and Speakers.

Throat irritation is most annoying to platform people and to prevent this as well as hoarseness and sore throat, most singers and speakers carry with them a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. It promptly and positively relieves and cures all dryness, soreness or hoarseness in the throat, tightness in the chest, bronchitis, asthma and all kinds of coughs and colds. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 99 cents.

The Courier Journal evidently does not take much stock in the constant claim of the Boers to slight casualties or no casualties. It says: "And now the Boers have come forward with a despatch telling us that after heavy fighting they have walloped Col. Plumer, adding, 'no Boers were injured.' No Boers were ever injured. And so childlike and bland are the Boer lies that not even is the truth injured."

...to be as large as a sewer pipe. I even thought I could see the end of the barrel, and I was awfully afraid that the man who held the revolver might get nervous and shoot me by accident. I tried to look pleasantly at the bird. All this had taken perhaps a minute and a half when the spokesman shouted to us: "Line up against that wall with your backs to me, and the man who takes his hands down will get shot. Quick now, gentlemen. If you please. Obey orders, and you won't get hurt."

"We lined up as directed like a lot of schoolboys."

"Now then, my friend here will relieve you of your valuables without your assistance," said the spokesman. "Don't move, because there are two dead shots behind you. Keep quiet, and it will soon be over."

"It was a very good piece of work, I can assure you. One of the three went straight down the row, taking each man's watch and money. He didn't get as much as he expected, and as near as we could estimate later the total haul was under \$2,000. There was over \$100,000 in the safe which the robbers overlooked. When we had been cleaned out, the spokesman said:

"Now, gentlemen, we are sorry to inconvenience you further, but we shall have to request you to stand just as you are for five minutes more. Don't cut the line, or you will get hurt."

"I can't see the end of the barrel," said I, and I heard the cock "clunk." I was one of our Chinese servants who was returning with a tray filled with drinks. He promptly dropped his tray, smashing all the glasses and threw up his hands. We heard no other sound for five minutes. Each man counted the seconds to make sure that he shouldn't take down his hands ahead of time. The proprietor was the first man to move. As soon as he felt that it was safe he turned and found the robbers gone. He picked up a heavy chair and threw it through the window. He carried the suspicion of it, and the crash that followed attracted general attention in the street below. The proprietor stuck his head out of the window and profanely shouted such details of the hold up as might put the people in the street on the track of the robbers. It was useless, however. The fellow walked out quietly, took off their masks and disappeared without leaving any clue. We all piled out of the place to aid the search. When we found out that a chase was hopeless, most of us came back to the gambling room to talk it over. When we entered the place, we found the Chink standing in the ruins of his glasses with his hands still above his head. The proprietor told him to take his hands down. The Chink wouldn't do it, and two men who pulled his arms to his side had all they could do to hold him. He had looked in the big barrel of one of those small revolvers, and he hadn't forgotten it.

"Now this was an actual experience, and some of your New York papers had accounts of it. If I were mixed up in an affair of that sort again, I would raise my arms just as quickly. It was expediency and not a yellow streak that made that crowd act as it did."

Never Caught Alive.

In Lake Derwentwater, in England, there is a species of fish called vendace, which are never caught alive. They are said to frequent the deeper parts of the lake and are never met with in the rivers. One or two dead specimens of the breed which have been found in the lake are treasured as curiosities.

Fertile Peru.

Though in the torrid zone, Peru possesses such diversity of elevations and climatic peculiarities as to be able to produce almost any product known to man.

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Diamond Dyes, with their magical recreating powers, gives to faded and dingy looking dresses, skirts, waists, blouses, shawls, capes, jackets, coats, vests, pants and all fabrics, light or heavy, a second life, a condition of richness and beauty, in the majority of cases far ahead of the original colors and shades. It simply means that a new dress, coat, jacket or other article of wearing apparel is obtained at a cost of from 10c to 20c. This jewel is now carried on in tens of thousands of happy and prosperous homes in our Dominion.

If you have not yet tested the recreating and economizing powers of Diamond Dyes in your home, you are losing money every month. To achieve the victories that come to others in money saving, you should try what Diamond Dyes can do on your faded and cast off clothing.

As there are imitation package dyes sold in some stores for the sake of extra profit, avoid these "colors," as they are ruinous to any material; see that you get the Diamond Dyes that make old things look as good as new.

Intellectually Frances Willard was the peer of the greatest man and woman of her time. The greatest men in England were glad to discuss the questions of the hour with Miss Willard.

MRS. GEO. TRAILL.

A Well Known Lady of Thornhill, Man.,

Got Almost Instant Relief From Heart Trouble by the Use of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

It is simply wonderful the number of western women who are coming forward to tell of the curative powers of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

This time it is Mrs. Geo. Traill, a highly respected lady of Thornhill, Man., who gives in the following words the history of her case.

"I obtained from Mr. J. A. Hobbs, druggist of Morley, Man., a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, as I was very bad with heart trouble at the time.

"I used the one box and got almost instant relief. I then bought another box, but only had to use a few of the pills, as I have never been troubled with palpitation since having them.

"I am very thankful that I got the pills, and if this will be of any use to others suffering as I did you may publish it in the paper."

...I have seized and taken into execution.

1. All the said defendant's, D. Morrish, right, title and interest, in and to, Mining Location 10, containing 10 acres, and known as leasedhold Parcel 172, subject to the right of one A.E. Cline under an agreement filed as a caution against the property in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage in the District of Ratby River.

2. A three-quarter interest in Mining Location 10, containing 10 acres, and known as leasedhold Parcel 172, subject to an agreement for sale thereof made by T.H. Gilmore, registered by way of caution in March, 1899, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

3. His one-quarter interest in Mining Location 10, containing 10 acres, and known as leasedhold Parcel 172, subject to an agreement made with one A.E. Cline, registered in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

4. His one-third interest in Mining Location 10, containing 10 acres, and known as leasedhold Parcel 172, subject to an agreement for sale thereof made by T.H. Gilmore, registered by way of caution in March, 1899, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

5. His one-third interest in Mining Location 10, containing 10 acres, and known as leasedhold Parcel 172, subject to an agreement for sale thereof made by T.H. Gilmore, registered by way of caution in March, 1899, in the Lands Titles Office, aforesaid.

6. Also the said D. Morrish's estate, right, title and interest, in and to Mining Location 10, containing 10 acres, and known as leasedhold Parcel 172, subject to an agreement for sale thereof made by T.H. Gilmore, registered by way of caution in March, 1899, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage.

All of which, being the said defendant's, D. Morrish's estate, right, title and interest, in and to the aforesaid parcels, and known as leasedhold Parcel 172, 173, 174, and 175, respectively, in the Lands Titles Office at Rat Portage, in the District of Ratby River.

I shall offer for sale at Public Auction my office, at the Court House, in the Town of Rat Portage, in the District aforesaid, on Saturday, the 24th day of November, 1900, at the hour of Eleven O'Clock in the forenoon.

Signed at the Rat Portage, 31st October, 1900.

W. H. CARENTER,

Sheriff, District of Ratby River.

This Sale is Postponed to Saturday, 24th February, 1900, at the same time and place.

"You're Missing a Good Thing,"

when you pass up our ordered clothing at the present prices....

We're telling you and that's right.

Come around the corner and we'll show you if you don't believe us.

A. S. Cuthbert,
Cash Tailor, Fort St.
Oddfellows' Block.

LOST A three-quarter grown fox terrier bitch, body all white, head black and brown. Finder return to Bert Griffith's livery barn and receive five dollars reward.

...at 199 E. Third St., St. Paul, Minn.

R. E. WERKMAN.

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Send a Rough Drawing in Lead Pencil of your Idea, Improvement or Invention, with a clear description of it, and we will promptly tell you if it is new and probably patentable, absolutely Free. FREE! Valuable 100 page book "How to get a Patent." MARION & MARION, Experts, Temple Bldg. Montreal. The only firm of graduate engineers in the Dominion transacting patent business exclusively. Highest references.

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Just the thing to send to your friends in the East as a Souvenir of our Mineral wealth.

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Are You Feeling

Miserable, out of sorts, and run down? If you are, try

Werner's Spotted Pills

The greatest NERVE TONIC and BLOOD PURIFIER on earth. Every day we sell more of these pills, and every box has given satisfaction. Every box guaranteed to do good. 50c a box; 6 for \$2.50.

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The Chemist.

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RAT PORTAGE, ONT., FEB. 23, 1900.

BRITAIN'S TURN.

The news of Lord Roberts' successful campaign against Commandant Cronje has brought relief to this whole empire, and has created a feeling that the end of the war is in sight. This is probably too much to expect, and it is well to avoid being cast down by bad news or over-elated by good news. The end of the war may be delayed for many months, for the enemy is well armed and the march to Pretoria by the British will be strongly opposed, as the enemy will desire to hold out in order to give Dr. Leyds time to induce some of the European powers to intervene, and thus be enabled to make better terms.

With Kimberley relieved, and possibly Ladysmith, Lord Roberts will have his plan of campaign simplified, but there may yet be a number of vexing problems which will tax his resources.

FALLEN HEROES.

The horrors of war have been brought home to a number of Canadian families this week. The great heart of the Dominion will sympathize with the bereaved ones, but yet it will be mingled with feelings of pride that Canadians have fallen in the defence of the world-wide empire that guarantees our liberty. The Canadian contingent has had the opportunity of showing to the empire and the world that the branch of the Anglo-Saxon family which occupies the northern half of America is strong and brave, and willing to sacrifice its best blood in preserving the empire's integrity. We know that they fought bravely, and their friends will have the consolation that their memory will be enshrined in the hearts of the people of Canada who will not neglect to pay grateful tribute to them, as the years go by.

The London Daily Mail now produces its issue simultaneously in London and Manchester; this feat being

CRONJE SURROUNDED

By Troops Under Lord Roberts in the Modder River Valley.

Reports received this morning state that the Free State troops, under Gen. Cronje have been surrounded in the valley of the Modder River and are being shelled by the British. The Free State commandant asked for an armistice but Lord Roberts replied: "You must surrender unconditionally or fight to a finish." News will be awaited anxiously for the result of this struggle.

Trains to War Road.

Mr. Dan Hyland was in town this week from War Road. He reports that matters are progressing in a satisfactory manner of his contract for grading on the Ontario & Rainy River Railway. The rails are now laid into War Road, so that they now have two trains a week over the line to Winnipeg. War Road will doubtless be a busy place next season.

Ideal Christian Daily.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," has been given an unfettered opportunity to publish for six issues his "Ideal Christian Daily." On March 13 he will assume the entire editorial and business control of the Topeka Capital, one of the largest dailies in Kansas. Mr. Sheldon has set the price at 25c for the week, and has offered the W.C.T.U. all over the world a handsome commission on all subscriptions sent in by the 5th of March. The local society of Rat Portage should secure at least 500 subscribers, as so many are anxious to see for themselves the result of this test case in journalism. To aid them in this the following business houses have kindly consented to receive subscriptions: Smith's book store, Mason & Risch's music store, Johnson's pharmacy, Wood's pharmacy.

With the Mining Public

The idea that numerous small strings of ore will lead to large bodies of mineral is not always sustained by development of the Stringers, though such condition is not uncommonly found to obtain. The Binetolite shaft near Phillipsburg, Montana, was sunk in a marshy spot in the granite. At this place there were a number of small iron-stained seams, which were recognized as an extension of the Granite Mountain vein. At a depth of 65 feet a rich vein of ore opened several feet wide, and this shoot produced millions of dollars.

BIG VEINS PAY BIG.

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the world over. It is located 19 miles from Rat Portage, on the main portion of the Lake of the Woods, and the largest stream is can land on the side of the big ore body nearly a mile long, and from 400 to 600 feet wide. Competent authority asserts that it is the largest single deposit of pure quartz ever found in any land. Five test pits, from 3 to 10 feet deep, were put down on the property, and from all of them ore can be taken at any spot that pans freely. Assays of from \$5.40 to \$8.95 in free milling gold have been obtained from surface ore, besides containing in places good values in silver, lead and copper. The property has no exceptional advantages for operating in the way of water, cheap labor, cheap fuel and accessibility, to say nothing of the fact that electrical power at a nominal cost is available. In fact, the saving in the cost of fuel and water alone, as compared with the amount expended for the same purposes by the Homestake, of South Dakota, will make a good income for the Homestake of Ontario mine. This great property is now under the control of St. Paul, Minneapolis, New York and Rat Portage people, most of whom at an early day saw the immense possibilities of the mine and seized the opportunity at once. It has a capitalization of only \$1,250,000, in \$1 shares, while the Alaska-Treadwell is capitalized for \$5,000,000, which now commands a premium, and the Homestake of South Dakota is capitalized for \$21,000,000, par value of shares \$100, now quoted at \$74, and none on the market. Inas much as the Ontario mine has superior advantages in the way of economy in operating and higher surface values, there is no reason why the latter should not be worth more to investors than either of the above named big dividend payers in the near future.

That low-grade gold mines pay big dividends is well established. The Homestake of South Dakota, being higher grade, from \$3 to 10 per ton, pays especially well. The Alaska mines, while lower grade, are worked at a profit averaging about 52 cents per ton, as the following table will show, and it may be well to note here that the Alaska Treadwell is capitalized for \$5,000,000, shares par value \$25, and that they are now selling for \$35.

ALASKA TREADWELL.

Tons Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
Aug 54,377	8,924,000	\$1.69	61
Aug 50,000	1,557,500	2.00	48
Sept 57,313	11,501,000	2.00	68
Oct 58,197	107,037	1.83	62
229,065 av	8,409,836	\$2.03	

ALASKA MEXICAN.

Tons Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
June 13,182	\$ 21,331	\$1.51	\$1.49
July 11,058	21,512	1.16	1.34
Oct 12,881	27,339	2.12	1.17
Nov 11,294	24,791	1.67	1.33
54,025 av	92,033	\$1.60	\$1.43

ALASKA UNITED.

Tons Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
June 25,298	\$ 18,003	\$1.30	\$1.07

seems to be the limit of ambition in Canada. The Alaska-Treadwell operates 800 stamps, the Alaska-Mexican 240, the Alaska G. M. Co. 220, the Homestake and Highland of South Dakota 840 stamps. To all of these mines more stamps are to be added as development proceeds. As showing what can be accomplished with plants such as the above, we append the following table:

Mine	Capital.	Par Value per share.	Present quotations.
Alaska-Mexican	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5	\$ 5.50
Alaska-Treadwell	5,000,000	25	35.00
Homestake	21,000,000	100	74.00
Highland	10,000,000	100	74.00
Total	Paid	First five months	Av'ge value ore per ton
Alaska-Mexican	\$ 350,000	\$ 36,000	0.31
Alaska-Treadwell	4,070,000	150,000	1.63
Homestake	7,536,250	437,500	60 2.50
Highland	3,924,718	110,000	50 3.00
			3.00
			40 4.00

"We have dealt with only four of the five mines quoted, as we could not get full returns for the Alaska United G. M. Co.; but as an instance of what it can do, with an ore averaging \$3.00 per ton, the last published returns for a forty-three days' run shows a net profit, after paying all expenses, of \$23,412.

"For the month of June the Alaska-Treadwell mine, working with an ore that averaged only \$1.63 per ton, crushed 60,098 tons and a net profit of \$75,064 was shown.

The capitals of all these companies are large, and we do not know at what price per share they were put upon the market; but all of them still hold treasury stock, every share of which can be sold at a premium. The Alaska-Treadwell, Homestake and Highland have paid more in dividends than they originally cost, and, in addition, have not only an enormous development, with hundreds of thousands of tons blocked out, but the huge plants are paid for.

"There are many of these low-grade ores offering better inducement to the investor than those of either Alaska or South Dakota, and we trust, for the benefit of the country, that they will not in the future be so studiously disregarded."

Card of Thanks.

The Hospital Ladies' Aid desire to thank all those who assisted in making the carnival last Friday evening such a decided success. The Citizen's band, which gave its services free, has the special thanks of the committee, for the generous action.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO GUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. See "I. W. Green" signature on each box.

H. McPherson, of Kingston, formerly representative of the Ontario Powder works here, was in town for a few days this week on his way to Nelson, B.C. He will take charge of the new factory being opened there by his company. The capacity of the new works will be 300 cases per day.

The second annual anniversary of Golden City Lodge, A.O.F., was celebrated by a very pleasant at home in the Odd Fellows' hall last Monday

Ontario Gold Fields.

Homestake Gold Mining Co. of Ontario, Limited.

is organized under the laws of the
State of Minnesota

Capital Stock \$1,250,000

divided into 1,250,000 shares of \$100 each
fully paid and non-assessable.

750,000 Shares in the Treasury.

The head office is in St. Paul, Minn., and the board of directors are well known St. Paul and Rat Portage, Ont., men. The secretary and treasurer are placed under proper bonds, which are to be increased as the necessity requires, all under the management of the board of directors.

This Company owns two rich mineral claims in the Lake of the Woods country, Ontario, amounting to over 100 acres. The vein is conceded to be the largest body of free-milling ore ever discovered in any land, its width is from 400 to 600 feet and its length over one mile.

The value of this great deposit is from \$7.50 to \$8.95 per ton while the cost of treatment, including mining, should not exceed \$1.50 per ton, as we are able to simply quarry it out.

The great Homestake, of South Dakota, with values never exceeding \$5.00 per ton, has paid \$3,038,750 in dividends. We will do the same.

The original owners of this great property take stock in the Company for the property, and their shares when issued are to be placed in the hands of a reliable trust company, to be held by such trust company until this Company has secured a mining and milling plant of 250 tons daily capacity.

A HUNDRED STAMP MILL on this great deposit will earn from 25 to 40 per cent. annually on the par value of the shares, which means from 250 to 400 per cent. to the investor who buys now at ten cents per share. We

competent engineers in the expenditure of our funds.

We can quarry out 100,000 tons of this ore and have it treated at the public reduction works as soon as navigation opens, and by this means we can earn enough to buy our own mill, and for this purpose we are now selling ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHARES of treasury stock at ten cents per share cash or on the following terms: Two cents per share cash down and 1 cent per share per month until paid. This offer subject to change without notice.

No certificates will be issued for a less amount than 500 shares.

We do not expect to be very long in disposing of this issue owing to the very low price at which it is selling. Don't wait too long but send in your order at once if you want any of these shares. If you have any money to invest place it with home people and buy SHARES that entitles you to an interest in the property owned by a good, reliable company.

Our shares are non-assessable and every share entitles the holder to an interest in the property.

The board of directors who manage the affairs of this Company are as follows:

Cyrus Wellington, Ronald Stewart, John W. Nelson, W. H. Hill, James A. Kelly, Fred J. Bowman, N. C. Westerfield, C. D. Pruden and T. E. Birbeck.

C. D. Pruden, president; Fred J. Bowman, Secretary, and Ronald Stewart, Treasurer. Don't take any chances but buy now.

know that they thought heavily, and their friends will have the consolation that their memory will be enshrined in the hearts of the people of Canada who will not neglect to pay grateful tribute to them as the years go by.

The London Daily Mail now produces its issue simultaneously in London and Manchester, this feat being made possible by means of five special telegraph wires between the offices. This is a stroke of enterprise which has not yet been attempted by the big papers of the United States, and shows that all the push of the world is not on this side of the Atlantic.

The appointment by the council of Mr. T. R. Deacon as acting mayor for the year in the absence of Mayor McCarthy has met with the approval of the citizens. Should Mayor McCarthy be absent at any time during the year we believe the affairs of the town will be ably managed by Mr. Deacon, for they will receive the careful attention of a man used to business in a large way.

A Military Number.

The March number of the Canadian Magazine will be a special military number with colored military cover, the design of which shows the Canadian Mounted Rifles parading on a Canadian street. The organization of the second contingent and the embarkation will be described by two writers, and each of the articles will be illustrated with a number of photographs which have been taken specially for this purpose. Mr. J. Castelle Hopkins writes the opening article in which he gives the history of British policy in South Africa during the present campaign. Malcolm Ross, a member of the artillery brigade in the second contingent, has an excellent article entitled "Types of Artillery." C. A. Matthews writes a short biographical sketch of the minister of militia. The publishers announce that this will be the finest number of the Canadian Magazine they have ever turned out and will be the superior in many ways to their Christmas number which won them so much praise. The Canadian Magazine is so exceptionally well printed that no person who may conceive great expectations with regard to this military number can possibly be disappointed.

Red Cross Society.

A meeting of a number of ladies of Rat Portage was held in the Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon, Feb. 16th, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Red Cross Society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Pither; vice-president, Mrs. D. C. Cameron; secretary, Mrs. W. Boston Towers; corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. H. Clark; treasurer, Mrs. Aylesworth; committee, McAdams, Robinson, Brydson, Carmichael, Moore, McKay, Farney, McCosken, Langford, W. J. Chapman and Murphy.

After the preliminaries had been completed for the formation of the society it was decided to hold another meeting at the town hall on the 21st inst.

The Girls' card club met at Miss Mather's, Thursday night.

mineral was not always sustained by development of the stringers, through such condition is, not uncommonly found to obtain. The Binetallic shaft near Phillipsburg, Montana, was sunk in a marshy spot in the granite. At this place there were a number of small iron-stained seams, which were recognized as an extension of the Granite Mountain vein. At a depth of 63 feet a rich vein of ore opened several feet wide, and this shoot produced millions of dollars.

As a general principle in concentrating ores very fine crushing should be avoided in all cases, as the sliming of ores, which is an inevitable result of such fine crushing, renders it more difficult if not impossible to collect the finely divided material. In ores in which the mineral occurs in finely disseminated particles the ore may be granulated to a condition which will admit of a partial concentration by jigging with relatively small loss, as compared with the results of concentrating the same material after having been reduced to slimes by over stamping.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1899.

RECEIPTS	
Balance forward	\$ 33.21
Grants:	
Ontario government	\$20.00
Town of Rat Portage	24.00
Subscriptions	100.00
Sale of books	1.75
Papers, etc.	1.50
Bank of Ottawa advance	650.00
	\$1,222.54
EXPENDITURES	
Books	\$17.50
Papers and Maps	72.50
Furniture and fit	3.25
Expenses:	
Light	\$1.00
Heat	5.50
Salaries	96.00
Printing	20.00
Insurance	17.50
Sundries	3.75
Bank of Ottawa repaid	650.00
	1,172.50
Balance in bank	50.25
	\$1,222.54

I have audited the books for the year ending 31st December, 1899, and find same correct and in accordance with this statement.
[Signed] D. A. PENDER, Auditor.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS	
Books	
Balance	\$1.25 37
Furniture and fixtures	
Balance	110.00
Cash	
In bank	50.25
	\$1,222.54
LIABILITIES	
Bank of Ottawa	
Bills payable	350.00
Rent	
Six months	90.00
	\$ 440.00
[Signed] J. L. NELSON, President.	
W. F. A. THURGOOD, Secretary.	

The Treasure Mine.

Capt. Geo. M. Tennant was in town from the Treasure mine this week, and reports successful operations going on at that property. They are now down over 35 feet and the vein continues to widen in particularly rich quartz. There is quite a lot of visible gold in evidence. Mr. Tennant shows a couple of splendid little nuggets about the size of a large pea, and is confident of the richness of the property. The vein at the top was only about a foot wide, but is now three feet and the indications point to a continual widening.

Treated	Bullion	Value	Cost
June 13, 1892	\$ 24,391	\$1.51	\$1.49
July 14, 1893	20,512	1.46	1.34
Oct. 12, 1891	27,339	2.12	1.47
Nov 14, 1904	23,791	1.67	1.33
51,025 av	\$ 92,033	\$1.69	\$1.43

ALASKA UNITED.

Tons	Bullion	Value	Cost
Treated			
June 25, 1898	\$ 48,003	\$1.90	\$1.07
Oct. 24, 1897	34,564	2.40	1.50
Nov 21, 1904	34,015	2.50	1.77
71,349 av	\$102,182	\$2.20	\$1.04

Total and General Average—
355,969 \$724,071 \$2.03 \$1.51

In discussing this matter under the title of "How Low-Grade Ores Pay," the excellent mining journal, the San Francisco Mining and Scientific Press, on Sept. 2, 1890, paid particular attention to our Ontario big veins, which will be seen in the following remarks, which intending investors will do well to ponder over before placing their money in small veins, even though they assay hundreds of dollars, but which will be played-out mines when their big low-grade neighbors will be turning out large quantities of gold bullion for a century or more:

"In getting up a mining prospectus it is usual to publish assays as taken either from the surface or from different parts of the mine in process of development, and by these assays many are guided in making their investments. Assays that run from \$100 up to several thousands per ton of ore are generally the most attractive, and, assuming them as correct, the investor buys the stock, either not knowing or forgetting that few mines ever did approach any such average.

"Ores running from \$8 to \$10 per ton are more or less disregarded, and those showing from \$3 to \$5 are considered as of no account whatever. It is just here that the investor makes a serious mistake.

"If an ore is a smelter one, such as the Le Roi or War Eagle, to make a profit it is necessary that it should show far higher values than a free-milling proposition; but few mines that we ever heard of yielded any great quantity of hundred dollar ore, to say nothing of thousands. A free-milling ore averaging from \$8 to \$10 on the plates and in the concentrates will not only pay, but pay well, even though the veins be narrow and a large margin left for other possible disadvantages.

"The best paying mines are those that in Ontario are considered of no value, viz., the low-grade propositions showing from \$3 to \$4 per ton or less. Among mining engineers and mining men generally it is well known that, given a ton of ore, with suitable facilities for working it—such as water, fuel, etc.—there is no better paying investment than an ore showing \$3 per ton. Among the best paying mines in the world are the large mines in Alaska and South Dakota, and all are low grade.

"It is a common error that these ores can be mined so cheaply and profitably because the mines are worked in the open, thus avoiding the necessity of shafts, tunnels, pumps, etc., but this is not the case. They are all operated with shafts, tunnels, etc., as are the higher grade mines in Ontario.

"The real reason of their success is not the existence of unusual facilities, but because they are operated on a very large scale. A few of them would pay a profit, or even expenses, were they run with the 5, 10, or 20 stamp mills, which, with few exceptions,

H. J. Pershon, of Kingston, formerly representative of the Ontario Powder works here, was in town for a few days this week on his way to Nelson, B.C. He will take charge of the new factory being opened there by his company. The capacity of the new works will be 800 cases per day.

The second annual anniversary of Golden City Lodge, A.O.F., was celebrated by a very pleasant affair at home in the Odd Fellows' hall last Monday night, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the members and their numerous friends. A fine programme was rendered, a liberal lunch served, and cards and dancing indulged in till a late hour.

R. Frances returned Monday from his eastern trip, looking hearty and bright after his contact with the outer world.

W. P. Margetson, of the Northwest Provision Company, of Winnipeg, is in town on business in connection with his company, and also to attend the annual meeting of the Rat Portage Cold Storage and Produce Company Limited.

A grand concert and entertainment will be given by the pupils of the Sisters in the opera house on Monday, the 28th inst. Mrs. Sigurdson and Mrs. R. Rogers have kindly offered their services. All are cordially invited.

The choir of Notre Dame church has recently been strengthened by the addition of several ladies, among whom are Mrs. Dr. McDowell, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Corwin and Mrs. Robinson. The choir is preparing some good music for Easter. The mass will be Peter's in D.

Two well-known Rat Portagers, once neighbors to say, a Scotchman and an Englishman, were discussing the war, the other day. The Scotchman was very much excited over the slaughter of his brethren at Magerfontein and said, "Is it not terrible, 800 Highlanders killed; could you imagine anything worse than that?" "Yes," said the Englishman, "Why, man! what could be worse?" "Eight hundred Englishmen," was the laconic reply.

A parlor concert will be held Tuesday evening next at the residence of Mrs. G. P. Phillips under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of St. Albans. Mr. Herbert Carpenter has the programme in hand which is a guarantee of its excellence.

What about our annual dog races? Is anybody moving in the matter.

The C.P.R. has closed a contract with the Electric Light Co. for lighting the new station, round houses and other buildings on a meter basis.

James Weidman, secretary-treasurer of the Rainy River Gold Mining Company, returned Monday from a trip to Toronto in connection with the company's business. While there a meeting of the directors was held at which Mr. L. A. Morrison presented his resignation as managing director of the company, which was accepted. The affairs of the company will in future be conducted by the three directors in Rat Portage acting as an executive committee, which will manage the company's business in the district directing operations upon the different properties as considered advisable from time to time to time. An executive in Toronto will look after the affairs of the company in the east. Mr. Morrison's reasons for resigning as managing director were that the growing proportions of his veneer lum-

bered in the hands of a reliable trust company, to be held by such trust company until this company has secured a mining and milling plant of 250 tons daily capacity.

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C. D. Pruden, president; Fred J. Bowman, Secretary, and Ronald Stewart, Treasurer. Don't take any chances, but invest in a home company.

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HAVING been appointed by the Council to see that all chimneys are swept twice a year, I am now prepared to sweep chimneys, clean stoves, pipes, take up, beat and relay carpets, etc.

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STEPHEN GARNETT
BOX 51.

ber machinery industry were such that he could no longer give the Rainy River company sufficient of his time to act as managing director. His resignation and the arrangements made for conducting the business of the company in future is in the interest of the strictest economy, which the management assure the shareholders will continually be kept in view.

Rinsing the Hair.
Many women who shampoo their own hair spoil it by insufficient rinsing. Gallons of water should be used, as it is important to rid the hair of every particle of soap.

You might as well expect one wave of the sea to be precisely the same as the next wave of the sea as to expect that there would be no change of circumstances.

When your birds have bowel disease, change the food for a few days and at the same time change the grit, "Swelled head," or excessive self-assurance is often, according to Dr. Campbell, in The British Medical Journal, a symptom of the incipient stage of general paralysis.

A Graveyard (Eng.) J. P. who will celebrate his ninetieth birthday in January next, commenced to ride a bicycle last year, and continues to do so without the least nervousness.

Calling a Camper.
The man in southern Arkansas who traded his wife for a jackknife may or may not have wanted something he could shut up.—Kansas City Star.

A nice lot in to-day and going quick.

Fish, Fish.

Tom Cods, Smelts, Fresh Mackerel, Lake Superior Trout and Herrings, White Fish, Finnan Haddies, etc., etc.

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A Little Bark.

The following poem was written in 1894 by the late Hugh Hughes, for the Winnipeg Strips, and is reprinted below for the benefit of friends who have requested copies of the poem:

A little bark went sailing,
A-sailing over the sea,
That rolls away from our shores
To the great eternity.
Oh, that sea was dark, was an awful
dreary
And the black clouds draped it
dark,
And never a light or a gleam of hope
Becked through from the further
shore.

It was hunched when it went sailing
A-sailing over the sea,
From loving hearts that would hold
it back,
From that strange eternity.
But it slipped the golden cable
With which we had wrapped it
round
And was tossed away like a speck of
spray

For that distant farther bound.

Bat, oh, when the bark came sailing
A-sailing over the sea,
There stood a friend to welcome it
To the shores of eternity.
And that little bark was lifted
From that dark and farsea sea
By the gentle hands of Him who
said,
“Let the little ones come to Me.”

Lawyers vs. Bankers.

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first and lost the second, both games were very exciting. Last Friday night, however, the most exciting game was played. The score was 4-1, finally Bain was hurt in a rush. When he returned the clubs were lined up in front of the Winnipeg goal, and the Shamrocks, by a lucky poke, managed to get the puck through just before time was called. This is said to be about as exciting a game as has ever occurred in Montreal. The Winnipeg players will now have to wait another year, but they will have to lift the top some day. They gave it a mighty hard tug.

Winnipeg Matches.

A number of our townsmen leave tomorrow morning to see the game at Winnipeg between our Thistle hockey team and the Victorias of Winnipeg. Our team left this morning. The Rat Portage team will be made up as follows: goal, Duling, point, Sam Johnson, cover, Bellefleur, forwards, Fraser, McGinnis, Hooper, and Phillips. The Hilliard went along some snow. The boys are going in with the intention of winning and if they do not defeat the Victorias it will not be because they haven't tried. Our rosters will help matters along. Tuesday night the team will play the Winnipeg. It is said by the boys that they won't lose another game this season so they must also defeat the Victorias, whom they have not yet met this season. Anyway we expect Rat Portage to be a close second for the championship.

Brandons are Champions.

By defeating the Portage and Victoria teams last week the Brandon team has secured the championship in the Association for this season. Rat Portage will likely stand second and might have been first had they played the game earlier in the season that they are now putting up. However, we think if they keep up their winning streak that they will have the right to challenge Brandon for an exhibition game in Winnipeg just for satisfaction. It is our impression that Brandon did not go to the championship by straight hockey; but, of course, that is a matter that can't be decided. In any event they are safe. Men who know the game say that Portage can play all around them and that Portage is a shade slower than our own Thistles. But, next year our boys will be a little heavier and just as quick, so the chances are that they will worry the team that gets the championship in the harshest way if they do not take it themselves. The hockey spirit is in the assembly and with the encouragement given by the town the team should show its appreciation and get into the game over their ears.

Shamrocks in Winnipeg.

It is quite likely that a game of hockey will be arranged between the Victorias and the Montreal Shamrocks in Winnipeg about March 21. This should be a great game and will no doubt attract large crowds. In case the event comes off, which is likely, we expect to see among the spectators our own Thistle hockey team. They will be able to get a great many pointers about the game which should be invaluable to them. A huge crowd will go up from Rat Portage. It is quite likely that if a special rate is provided a whole train load of our sports and lovers of hockey will go to see the game.

To Advertisers.

It is absolutely necessary in order to insure insertion that all changes for advertisements for THE MINER should be in the office by Thursday at noon. It is impossible for us to crowd two days' work into half a day, and do justice to the work. Advertisers will, therefore, kindly see that they have their changes in by Thursday noon.

Death of Mrs. Geo. Derry.

The many friends of the late Mrs. Geo. Derry will regret to learn of her death, which occurred on Monday evening last. The deceased lady had not been well for some months, but the ailment was not considered serious until a few days before her death. She was one of the pioneer residents of Rat Portage, having come here with her husband in the early days. She leaves her husband, four sons, and one daughter to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Thursday and was largely attended.

Lecture at Knox Church.

Wednesday night Rev. T. B. Kilpatrick, D.D., of Winnipeg, professor in Manitoba college, delivered an interesting lecture on “Africa, Its Countries and Peoples,” to a large audience in the auditorium of Knox Presbyterian church. The lecturer was an easy and fluent speaker and brought out many new and pertinent points. The speech showed evidence of deep thinking and was very well handled. The choir sang a few selections and Mr. Sutherland sang “Anchored,” with great spirit. Miss Little also sang a solo. This is the second of a series of lectures given under the auspices of the Bible class. Another lecture will be given some time in March by Rev. Charles Gordon, of Winnipeg. Topic will be announced later.

Another Accident.

Monday morning John Bonathan, a driller on the rock cut near the station was caught between a car and the side of the cut and sustained a serious fracture of the leg. At last reports he was doing nicely. Mr. Bonathan is a single man, 48 years of age, and came here from Bowmanville.

People look round at a nice head of hair on the street, so rare has that beautiful ornament become at the present day. Why is this? It certainly is not the LUBY'S Parisian Hair Renewer, which is an almost infallible remedy against premature grey hair. Only 50 cents a bottle.

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Popular Wants.

FOR SALE or exchange a good horse, apply to Robt. Graham, blacksmith, Fort street, Rat Portage.

WANTED—A general servant. Apply to Mr. F. R. Godwin, East Fort St.

HOUSE TO LET—Small house on Fifth street with stable. Lot has 100 feet frontage. Apply J. A. McLeod, Boarding car, C.P.R. yard, 28-11

WANTED—One hundred cords of wood hauled from the bush to the Scovill and Clougher blocks, distance three and one-half miles. C. W. Chadwick.

TO RENT—House, containing four bedrooms, parlor, dining room and kitchen, cellar with furnace, lately occupied by Jos. Johnson. Apply to Matt Brown.

FOR SALE—The following Organs in good order: 1 Karn Organ, 5 octaves, Canopy top, slightly used, at \$45.00; 1 Eskey Organ, 5 octaves, Canopy top, slightly used, at \$10.00; 1 Clough & Warren, small size Harmonium, \$20.00; 1 Morrish & Co., Canopy top, \$45.00; also in excellent order, 1 Mendelssohn Upright Piano 7 octaves at \$150.00.—The Mason & Rich Piano Co., Main St., Rat Portage.

INSTRUCTIONS.

SHORTHAND Class, Monday and Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., commencing Monday Jan. 15. French Classes re-open Tuesday Jan. 9. Kindergarten French Class (children under ten) commencing Saturday, Jan. 13. Private lessons in French and German, Music and English Subjects. Application by mail to

MISS FISHER, P. O.

Cut Vernot Dead.

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The Big Sale

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We expect this month
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the year. This sale has
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If you have not been
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Go Carts and Carriers

...a sailing over the sea. ...
 There stood a friend to welcome it.
 To the shores of eternity.
 And that little bark was lifted
 From that dark and fearsome sea
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Lawyers.	Bankers.
Kingdon.....goal.....	Godwin.....
Bird.....point.....	Swinford.....
Langford.....cover.....	Moore.....
McGillivray.....	Palmer.....
Deppier.....	Wilkinson.....
Scharr.....forwards.....	Farwell.....
Moran.....	Borwman.....

The puck was restive and was shot more or less although we must confess that some of the shooting and hitting was slightly inferior to that of the Thistles. Mr. Bird played out his game to the letter. He certainly made some hot stops. Mr. Godwin's stops compared with those he missed are almost infinite. Swinford did some beautiful grand stand work and was very gentle in his checking. The first play for the lawyers was when Bird did the atmosphere described by the Thistles and alighted upon the person at Swinford. Swinford then moved across the ice after the puck only to meet the same treatment at the hands and feet of Draper. During the changeover of Swinford, the lawyers decided that Palmer took the palm of he should have had it for playing a game just like the Shamrocks. He knows how to play. Moore and Moran had more than enough fun playing checkers. Moran, however, said to the Thistles tactics. In a scrimmage he is apt to tackle toothach. His indifference was good and he made through time well. Van exulted when one of the bankers was hit and it looked as if he was going to be remembered. "Get your best checked old man." The fallen one replied, "Can't you see that I'm checked all over now?" (Gill em cashed and took the leadright). The bankers' forwards were a swift lot of people. Scharr put up a good game, but when was he admitted to the bar? Perhaps the doctor won't tell. Langford was always in the midst of trouble but that didn't trouble him. The lawyers try to get the game on a technicality as they claim the referee was caught up by the bankers. We have been unable to ascertain if this is true. The final was 8-0 for the bankers, but the lawyers thought to win by superior wind. They said they had the bankers faint and would have scored for many goals had time not been called off all two minutes later. Messrs. Boney Toole and Don Robertson were umpires and the game was refereed by that veteran on the hockey field, Al Leeman. The lawyers are going to have a game match with the bankers to decide this matter definitely. Mr. Leeman says practice is decidedly in their line they should be able to improve the hours better than the bankers, but of course when it comes to golden hours the bankers are main.

Shamrocks Keep the Cup.
 In Winnipeg boys had to return to Montreal without the cup. In a series of games played with the Shamrock team the Victorias won the

hockey will be arranged between the Victorias and the Montreal Shamrocks in Winnipeg about March 21. This should be a great game and will no doubt attract large crowds. In case the event comes off, which is likely, we expect to see among the spectators our own Thistle hockey team. They will be able to get a great many pointers about the game which should be invaluable to them. A large crowd will get up from Rat Portage. It is quite likely that if a special rate is provided a whole train load of our sports and lovers of hockey will go to see the game.

Curling Still Booming.

Our curlers are still busy with the weights and removing particles of moisture from the driveway allotted to the curling stones. It is now drawing near the close of the inter-rink competition and the rivalry is keen. There has been a rigid censorship exercised over the doings of Hudson's rink in Winnipeg, but we hear rumors to the effect that one of the members was heard to say, "Thank goodness Wolsley was there." Perhaps they had such a cinch they hadn't the heart to do the poor curlers. Did they do a thing?

Gaudaur is coming along in third condition and he may worry Hudson pretty hard.

Gaudaur has 2 games to play and only three losses while Hudson has three more to play and only two losses, but Hudson has a much harder reputation to fight than Gaudaur. He begins to look as if our champion curler would win out. Hudson has to play Langford's Big 1, Kennedy's, and Langford and Campbell's, Old Veterans, and Warrington's.

Hudson and Bunn were very interested spectators in the game between Dwyer and Gaudaur in which the latter came out on top.

Burton's Kids beat Cameron 2-0, 11 ends. Wasn't that awful! Burrage said he'd rather miss a meat than miss that. The Kids are O.K.

Ask Gleason about that wick raise shot.

E. J. Rochon, the crack Fort William skip is playing a game this afternoon with Gaudaur.

Following is the score of the different rinks:

SKIPS.	WON.	LOST.
Hudson.....	9	2
Neads.....	6	7
Langford.....	7	5
Dwyer.....	6	7
Cameron.....	8	5
Carmichael.....	4	8
Kennedy.....	5	7
Sterling.....	3	9
Clark.....	8	6
Gaudaur.....	10	3
Weir.....	6	8
Campbell.....	6	6
Kyle.....	3	8
Beardro.....	7	6
Smith.....	8	4
Burton.....	8	5
Chapple.....	0	9

The Rat Portage curlers Marshallled their forces, gave a Pearson glance at the ice. They said "Hudson's better tonight! If we keep our weather eye open we may take the Bunn.

Royal Jubilee Hospital.

A meeting of the Hospital Board was held last night. The principal business was the election of officers. Mr. D. C. Cameron was re-elected as president; Judge Chapple, vice-president; Richard Thompson, secretary; D. A. Pearson, treasurer. Another meeting is called for Tuesday night next to consider report of committees.

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GOLD HILL MILL BURNED.

Mill at the Britannia Mine Totally Destroyed by Fire Yesterday.

Mr. Atkinson, manager of the Britannia Gold Mining Company's group of mines, arrived in town yesterday afternoon with word that the 10 stamp mill on the Gold Hill mine was burned to the ground yesterday morning. The watchman examined everything around the mill at 10 o'clock Wednesday night and found nothing wrong. Mr. Atkinson looked out of the office window at 11:30 and all appeared well. About 1:30 the pump was made aware that something was wrong and it was discovered that the mill was on fire. It had evidently only had a few minutes' start. A rush was made to get the hose coupled, but it could not be done on account of the heat. The pump was started going, but it was of no use without the hose. Every effort was made by the crew at the mine to save the mill, but without avail. It was only with difficulty that the other buildings were saved. It is thought that the loss will not exceed \$80,000, as some of the machinery was old. We are not informed whether there is insurance or not, but it is quite likely there is none. Mr. Atkinson may have to go to Montreal to consult with the company as to what its intentions are, and the mine may be shut down during his absence. Mr. Bunnell Sawyer, of Montreal, general manager of the company, was out this week looking over the mine. He deposited a gold brick of \$1,150 in the bank which was obtained from the mine. He expressed himself as well pleased with the results so far obtained and expected after consulting the directors of the company that work would shortly be opened out on a much larger scale. However, the burning of the mill puts a different aspect on the case. Whether the company will now build a new mill at once, or carry the development work to a more complete stage and find out the style and size of mill required for permanent work is undecided, but it is likely that the latter course will be pursued.

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The verdict of the coroner's inquest was to the effect that deceased came to his death through discharge of a rifle held in his own hands.

A brother of deceased arrived here from Montreal to attend the funeral which was held Wednesday.

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Canadian Spruce Areas.

World: Referring to the increasing value of spruce limits in connection with the paper industry, the premier of Quebec recently stated that spruce limits which sold for \$8 per mile in 1902 brought \$150 a mile when sold by the government last year. In the province of Quebec, 31,000,000 acres of timber limits have been licensed, while it is estimated that there are still unlicensed 100,000,000 acres in the old part of Quebec and 70,000,000 acres in the new part recently added to the province. And most of this is timbered with black spruce, the most valuable of all woods for pulp and paper purposes. We do not know how Ontario's spruce limits compare with those of Quebec, but they are very extensive. Canada possesses without doubt a greater supply of the raw material of the paper manufacturer than any other country in the world. And as yet the Dominion government has done nothing to take advantage of our unique position. A sound protective policy would soon cause Canada to become not only the greatest pulp producing but the greatest paper producing country in the world.

\$230 Sold.

Mr. Otto Taubert, of St. Paul, Minn., treasurer of the Orion Gold Mining Company, was in town this week looking after his large mining interests in this region. Mr. Taubert has recently disposed of \$200, or Yellow Girl point to St. Paul and Chicago people who will start to work shortly. The consideration was \$10,000 cash and a tenth interest in the company. Mr. Taubert returned to St. Paul Thursday morning.

A parlor concert, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Alban's church, will be held at Mrs. G. P. Phillips' house Tuesday evening next, Feb. 27. There will be an attractive programme, including a few novelties, and a number of our popular singers will take part. Mrs. W. Kendall, who is always listened to with flowing ears, will give two piano solos, and Miss Crote Chadwick will contribute readings. An admission fee of 25c will be charged. It is hoped Mrs. Phillips' commodious drawing will be well filled on this occasion.

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Application to Parliament.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the province of Ontario at its next session for an Act to confirm and legalize a By-Law of the Municipality of the Town of Rat Portage passed on the first day of May, A. D. 1900, entitled "By-Law No. 20, a By-Law to raise the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars upon the credit of the Municipality of the Town of Rat Portage for the completion of the construction of a system of water works therein a By-Law to raise the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars by the issue of debentures for the completion of the construction of a system of water works in the said Municipality leviable on all the ratable property in the centre, North and South wards of the said Municipality.

Dated at Rat Portage this 12th day of February, A. D. 1900.

28-4t. ALLAN McLENNAN, Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

ALL Petitions for Local Improvements—other than Sidewalk—must be in Clerk's hands before the first day of June in order to receive consideration. Any Petitions later than this date will not be acted on by this year's Council.

Form of Petition and other information can be had by applying to D. H. CURRIE, Town Clerk.

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 Freight Rates have increased
 We will be compelled to follow.

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P. J. M. WOSLYNG Proprietor.

SOAKED WITH BLOOD.

A FAMOUS DUELING GROUND NEAR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Historic Field Where Brave De-
catur Was Killed by Baron—The
Mason-McCarthy and Ciley-Graves
Affairs of Honor.

The little village of Bladensburg, about
five miles from Washington, once the
home of the flower of Maryland's aris-
tocracy, but now a rambling collection of
decaying houses, is rich in historical as-
sociation, but it has attained more prom-
inence for its famous dueling ground
than for any of its other features. A
short distance outside the town a little
ravine leads down from the road and
opens into a sort of miniature amphithe-
ater, admirably suited to the purpose
which for many years it served. A slender
stream wanders the length of its
level, grass-covered bottom, while hills
rise protectingly on either side, and two
great trees, about 80 yards apart, mark
the ends of the grounds. It is here so
many "affairs of honor," most of them
cruel and entirely unnecessary and all un-
fortunate, have been settled.

The initiation of the spot into its
grievous usage occurred in the early
part of the year 1814, when Edward
Hopkins, an ensign of infantry, was shot
by an unknown antagonist. The next
duel followed soon after, when Randall,
a naval cadet, settling a dispute in right
pieces with pistols killed Fox, a clerk in
the treasury department.

Of the many duels that have been
fought here none have been more typical,
as examples of what is known as "the
cutting" than that between General Ar-
mistead T. Mason, United States senator
from Virginia, and John M. McCarthy.
During a political debate insults were
freely exchanged between the two, and
Mason challenged McCarthy, who was his
son-in-law. The challenged party proposed
that they jump from the dome of the cap-
itol, surrounded by their friends, over a
barrel of powder, and finally, that
they struggle to the death with dirks. All
these interesting suggestions were ob-
jected to by the seconds, who earnestly
stigmatized them as "unmanly, extraordi-
nary and opposed to the code of honor,"
but the matter was settled with muskets
loaded with ball at ten feet. It is need-
less to state that the result was most
sanguinary, for Mason was killed out-
right and McCarthy recovered only after
a long illness.

These and other duels had given the
place an ill name and an evil reputation,
when the country was electrified by the
startling news of that deplorable affair
in which the gallant Decatur lost his life.
The quarrel had arisen between the two
post captains, Baron and Decatur, over
the incident of the search of the ill-mem-
bered Chesapeake by the British prior to
the war of 1812 and the subsequent court
martial of Baron, who at that time was
in command of the frigate. Decatur was
a member of the board of judges which
so severely punished the delinquent and
had afterward, with a hostility that now
seems somewhat uncharitable, opposed
all the efforts of his disgraced brother of
fleet toward reinstatement in the navy.
A long and raucous correspondence en-
sued, urged on by interested interest-
makers, the dispute was carried just the
length of friendly adjustment. All the
preliminaries having been arranged, a
duel was decided upon for March 22,
1820.

The Empire at stake.

Washington Star: There is no long-
er a doubt that the British empire is
at stake in this South African war.
All England seems now willing to face
the issue. It has required only a real-
ization of the fact to insure such a re-
inforcing of the British armies in the
field that the tide of battle will soon
be turned. The proposition is simple:
England cannot afford for an instant
to permit the Boers, and much less the
world, to believe that these reverses
which she has lately been suffering
will cause her to withdraw from the
contest and make terms. The fighting
or the bluffing, or both, must be
maintained to the last moment, and
with the last man. Else were Eng-
land forever crushed to the rank of an
insular kingdom, beset by the enemies
whom centuries of conquest and war-
fare have won for her.

The least wavering now would be
fatal. Europe is watching with eyes
that penetrate into the most sacred
secrets of the English administration.
Is there a faint heart in the cabinet at
London Germany knows the fact in-
stantly. Is there a swelling chorus of
criticism Russia hears it on the first
echo. Is there a faltering in the war-
lord's hand as he moves his pawns,
France trembles with eagerness for
the counter move. Scarcely before has
a nation stood under such painful
scrutiny and amidst such harrowing
doubts and griefs. But back of it all
is the knowledge that if the fight in
Africa is lost there will be other fights
to lose in quick succession forthwith,
and it will be but a question of time,
and a short time at that, before the
splendid empire, the work of centuries
and thousands of lives and countless
millions of pounds, will have melted
into history.

This is no exaggeration of the state
of the case. If England cannot en-
force her propositions to the Boers
and their neighborhood allies she can
hardly hope to hold her own against
the antagonistic influences of Europe
which are ready to beset her with
greatly superior numbers. Conditions
have materially changed since her
effort to subdue the American colon-
ists, and still hold her prestige and
power. There was then no such Rus-
sia as stands today with untold armies
within striking distance of the Indian
frontier. World politics have assumed
new relationships, while the means of
transmitting news and instructions
have wonderfully advanced. The year
1820 is a far cry from 1911.

Only a Woman's Story.

BUT IT WILL BRING HOPE TO MANY
SILENT SUFFERERS.

COVERED WITH SORES.

B.B.B. cured little Harvey Deline nine
years ago and he has never had a
spot on him since.

It is practically impossible to heal ul-
cers or sores, especially the old
chronic kind, with ordinary remedies.
No matter how large or of how long
standing they may be, however, they heal
up readily and stay healed permanently
when Burdock Blood Purifiers is used.



HARVEY DELINE.

Mrs. E. Deline, Arden, Ont., proves this
in the following account she gave of her
little boy's case: "When my little son
Harvey was one year old he broke out in
sores all over his body. They would heal
up for a time, then break out again about
twice a year till he was past four, then he
seemed to get worse and was completely
prostrated. When doctors failed to cure
him I gave him Burdock Blood Purifiers,
and besides bathed the sores with it.
"It is nine years ago since this happened
and I must say that in all this time he
has never had a spot on his body or any sign of
the old trouble returning."

view here states that the progress
made in the construction of the Win-
nipeg and Port Arthur section is most
satisfactory. They will have welded
the quartette of railways now building
during September, 1901, into one line
of railway 432 miles in length, built in
first class manner and possessing as
good grades eastward as any road in
America. Mr. Mackenzie is busily en-
gaged in conferences with his partner,
Dan Mann. Mr. Mackenzie remarked
that the construction of a line of rail-
way between four and five hundred
miles in length, and the financing of
the same was an enterprise of consid-
erable magnitude, yet it has been ac-
complished in about two years. "It
took the government twice that
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heart its shrine. Laws are to banish
license; justice is to break jug; probi-
tion is to prohibit, and Parak is to
invite Deborah to help him rule the
world."

Miss Willard believed in the power
of the press, as:

"The mightiest of the mighty means
"On which the arm of progress leans."

We would remember her nobly—
she who led us so well up the difficult
heights of an unpopular reform.

We would remember her courage in
facing new issues that we may the bet-
ter face the new and unfoldings of the
future.

Distribution Samples of Seed Grain

Ottawa, Jan. 22, 1900.

To the Editor of the Miner:

DEAR SIR,—

Under instruction of the Hon. Min-
ister of Agriculture another distribu-
tion of sample packages of the best
and most productive sorts of cereals,
&c., is now being made from the Cen-
tral Experimental Farm, Ottawa.
The distribution will consist, as here-
tofore, of samples of oats, spring
wheat, barley, field pea, Indian corn
and potatoes. Each sample will weigh
three pounds. The quality of the
seed will be of the best, the varieties
true to name and the packages will be
sent free to applicants, through the
mail. The object in view is the im-
provement of the character and qual-
ity of the grain, &c., grown in Canada,
an effort widely appreciated, and the
choice of varieties to be sent out will
be confined to those which have been
found to succeed well at the Experimen-
tal Farms.

These samples will be sent only to
those who apply personally, lists of
names from societies or individuals
cannot be considered. Only one sample
of one sort can be sent to each ap-
plicant, hence if an individual receives a
sample of oats he cannot also receive
one of wheat or barley. Applications
should be addressed to the Director of
Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and
may be sent any time before the 15th
of March, after which date the lists
will be closed, so that the samples
asked for may all be sent out in good
time for sowing. Parties writing will
please mention the sort of grain they
would prefer and should the available
stock of the variety named be ex-
hausted, some other good sort will be sent
in its place. Letters may be sent to
the Experimental Farm free of post-
age.

W. M. SANDERS,

Director Experimental Farms.

The Opinion of Women

Women who have tested the merits
of Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver
Pills return the verdict that for back-
ache and kidney disorders there is no
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great discovery of Dr. A. W. Chase,
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To Enjoy....
A Good Dinner

In command of the frigate, "Majestic," was a member of the board of judges, which so severely punished the delinquent and had afterward, with a hostility that now seems somewhat unfavorable, disposed all the efforts of his disgraced brother-officer toward reinstatement in the navy. A long and numerous correspondence ensued, urged on by interested mischief makers, the dispute was carried just the hope of friendly adjustment. All the preliminaries having been arranged, a duel was decided upon for March 22, 1820.

The men met on the field, and a short conversation occurred between them, which was evidently in a conciliatory tone; as Barron was overheard to reply to a remark of his opponent, "Would to God you had said as much yesterday." Nevertheless the two officers squared off, faced each other at eight paces, raised their pistols and at the first utterance of the signal of the old dueling code, "Hau, hee, three, four, stop!" fired almost simultaneously. Both fell and Barron's second, Lieutenant Bainbridge, rushing forward, found him to all appearances dead. In a few moments, however, he recovered consciousness and asked to be moved to the side of his antagonist, who was seriously and at the time believed to be mortally wounded. A few angry and unedifying remarks passed between them, of which enough were heard to assure the doctors that a reconciliation had taken place. Barron murmured something to the effect that he hoped they would be better friends in the life to come than they had been in this, to which the other responded, "I have never been your enemy, Sir?" They were removed in carriages to Washington. Doctor to his mansion in Lafayette square, where he died early the next morning and Barron to the hospital, where, after many months of pain, he recovered. It is a curious fact that both were absolutely opposed to duelling on principle, but were constrained, the one to prefer the other to accept the challenge, because they believed their profession of arms forbade them to do anything else.

One morning in the summer of 1830, a conflict near the town, two young midshipmen came to settle their dispute by an appeal to arms. The first, named Sherbourne, was exceedingly reluctant to engage, and said to the other, a son of the composer of "The Star Spangled Banner":

"My key, I have no desire to kill you," His antagonist returned: "No matter. I came to kill you."

This was not encouraging, and Sherbourne answered:

"Very well, then I will kill you," which he promptly proceeded to do, as Key fell dead at the first fire.

A duel which was really more a case of murder than an affair of honor was fought in 1838 near Bladensburg and, more than any other single instance, served to develop the rapidly growing sentiment against the foolish practice. The aged Jonathan Cilley, because of his attacks in congress upon a certain journal, was challenged by the editor of the same through a third person named Graves. The old man properly refused to consider the impertinent note, whereupon Graves espoused the cause of the editor upon purely technical grounds and forced the matter to an issue. Cilley, too proud to again refuse, at last agreed to ride at 80 yards. The first shots were fired, and both stood uninjured, but Graves still insisted, and at the fourth shot the old man dropped with a ride ball in his heart.

This disgraceful affair excited so much public indignation that from that time forth the old duelling ground has answered no other purpose than to amuse visitors, but it is the natives are to be credited, "Hau, hee," as they solemnly aver, "has it out every night."

Only a Woman's Story.

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Nervous Prostration Heart Weakness Agonizing Pains and Misery Such as Woman Alone Endure Made the life of Mrs. Thos. Sears a Burden.

Just a woman's story. Not strange, for it happens every day; not romantic or thrilling, but just a story of misery and such as, unfortunately, too many women endure in silence.

For several years Mrs. Thomas Sears of St. Catherine's, felt her illness gradually but surely gaining a firmer hold upon her system, and ultimately she almost despaired of recovery. To a reporter who called upon her, Mrs. Sears said:

"What I have suffered is almost beyond description. My mind has been gradually growing upon me, and eight months ago I found myself almost helpless. My nerves were shattered, my heart weak and my entire system seemingly broken down. I had no rest night or day; the little sleep I did get did me no good. I was in constant agony, and only a woman can understand what I endured as I tried to do my household work. Any sudden noise would frighten me and leave me in a condition bordering on collapse. At times I experienced attacks of vertigo, and these seemed for a time to affect my memory. The least exertion would leave me almost breathless, and my heart would beat so violently, I had no desire for food of any kind, and yet I had to force myself to eat to maintain life. I treated with three different doctors and spent much money in this way, but without avail, and I was in a condition bordering on despair. I was urged to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in December, 1898, I consented to do so. I first got four boxes and noticed a change for the better, and I then procured another half dozen boxes. Before these were all used I was again enjoying the blessing of good health. There can be no doubt of my cure, because months have passed since I discontinued taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and during that time I have never felt the slightest symptom of the trouble, and I cheerfully and strongly urge other women who are suffering, to use this wonderful medicine, feeling sure that it will cure them, as it did me."

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Through Trains by 1901. Montreal, Feb. 18.—Wm. McKenzie, of the Canada Northern, in an inter-

view of the government twice that length of time to construct the Port Arthur-Winnipeg section of the C. P. R., was Mr. Mackenzie's next remark. It is unfortunate that the promoters of this system should have to build through a foreign state, but this could not be avoided and 12 miles out of the total of 82 miles will pass through the state of Minnesota. Mr. Mackenzie says eight miles of the American section have been graded, and that 1,000 men are now at work on the first 100 miles west of Port Arthur, rock and earth cuttings being carried on in winter. Next spring a heavier force will be put on the line, and through trains will be running by August or September, 1901.

C.P.R. Record Year.

Last year was the most prosperous one in the history of the Canadian Pacific Railway. After paying running expenses and fixed charges of all kinds the company declared a 5 per cent. dividend on the common stock and still had a surplus of \$2,243,874 to the good. This surplus is equivalent to 32 per cent. in the common stock, so that the company really earned 8 per cent. on its capital stock. The C.P.R. is the most representative Canadian business concern we have. It draws its business from every province in the country. Its magnificent showing speaks volumes for the general prosperity of the Dominion. The publication in Europe of the company's last annual statement will have a most beneficial effect on the interests of this country. But the figures of the C.P.R. profits are interesting to Canadians from another point of view. The earnings have nearly reached the 10 per cent. limit. When the company earns 10 per cent on the capital invested in constructing the road the regulation of freight charges passes to the jurisdiction of the federal parliament. That period is not far off. It is in fact so near at hand that it behooves the government to make preparations for an investigation into this proviso in the company's charter.

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"Kithy tells me he walks in his sleep."

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YUSSOUF.

A stranger came one night to Yussouf's tent, saying: "Behold one entrust and in dread, Against whose life the low of power is bent, Who flies and hath not where to lay his head! I come to thee for shelter and for food, To Yussouf, called through all our tribes 'The Good'."

"This entreaty," said Yussouf, "but no more than it is God's. Come in and be at peace. Freely shalt thou partake of all my store. As I of his who buildeth over these Our tents his glorious roof of night and day And at whose door none ever yet heard 'Nay.'"

So Yussouf entertained his guest that night And, waking him ere day, said: "There is gold. My earliest horse is saddled for thy flight. Depart hence the crying day grow bold."

As one lamp lights another nor grows less, So Yussouf's kindness kindled nobleness.

That honest light the stranger's face made grand, Was shining from all self conquest, kneeling

He bowed his forehead upon Yussouf's hand, A shudder to shudder, I cannot have thee so!

And I may have thee. All this thou hast done, And I will requite thee with my sword."

"And I will requite thee with my sword," said Yussouf, "for with this sword I will slay thee."

Yussouf's sword was drawn and he was about to strike, when the stranger said: "I am the good man whom thou hast seen. Sleep in peace!"

—James Russell Lowell.

his side. All of a sudden his wife at though driven by some mysterious power, rose, rushed to the window and precipitated herself into the yard, shattering her skull on the pavement.

Turri left his house and soon saw him— if importuned by a crowd of beggars. He did not utter a harsh word to them and was about to distribute alms in his habitual kind way when, to all the beggars dropped dead.

Continuing his walk, he met fair Mphénika, one of the most noted courtesans of Bagdad. Eager to gain the wise man's love, she told him the story of her life and tried to persuade him that she was unlike any other woman of her profession. Turri was moved to pity and was about to express to her his sympathy when the woman all of a sudden fell lifeless at his feet.

Arriving in the city, he found that the street which he had to cross was blocked with numerous carriages. After waiting a few moments he began to lose patience, when all at once a diva and horses, as though hit by some terrific blow, dropped dead to the ground.

He went to the theater and there fell quarreling with the scholar Carvillak about some verses which the latter ascribed to Nisami, while Turri claimed that they were composed by Sami. Suddenly the scholar uttered a shriek and expired. The play which was performed had a great success and was much applauded by the audience. Happily Turri made up his mind to join in the applause when the author of the play breathed his last.

Turri returned home, terrified at what he had seen, and, thinking it best to sell the cause of all these murders, he killed himself in despair by plunging a dagger into his heart.

During the same night died also Malthra, the ascetic.

Both appeared simultaneously before Ormuzd.

The ascetic thought in his mind: "How I shall rejoice to see this man judged according to his desert! This man whose hypocrisy was almost as much admired as my virtue as soon as he had power to do what he liked showed his true nature by committing countless crimes."

Ormuzd, however, turned smilingly to Turri and said:

"Welcome, virtuous Turri! You were truly a good man and my faithful servant. Enter now into my eternal peace."

"That's a good joke," said the ascetic with a sneer.

"Never have I been more in earnest than at this moment," replied Ormuzd, addressing again Turri, spoke: "You wished the destruction of your wife because of her ungentleness and dishonesty; the destruction of the beggars because of their annoyance and the repulsive sight they offered; the destruction of the courtesan because of her foolishness and infidelity; of the drivers and their horses for causing an unnecessary delay; of the scholar Carvillak for disagreeing with you of the playwright for his being more successful than you. All these wishes were perfectly natural. The



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The Algoma Lodge S.O.E. 197 will give their sixth annual social on Monday, Feb. 21. Judging by the preparations that are being made we have no hesitation in predicting that it will surpass all previous socials given by the above lodge.

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Mr. W. Garson returned Monday from Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander went to Winnipeg last week.

Mrs. A. Holland is visiting friends in Port Williams.

Among our townsmen to go to Winnipeg this week were the following: Messrs. Pearson, Marshall, Bunn, Hudson, Drewry, A. Carmichael, Gilmour, H. S. Murphy, Murray, A. McLennan, H. F. Higgins, S. S. Cummins.

Messrs. Ahlstrom and Lee have their open air rink at the foot of Main St., open for skaters now. They are arranging to give a carnival soon.

Mr. A. H. Crabbe has accepted the position of junior in the Bank of Ottawa.

Mr. Jas. Beaudro arrived in town Tuesday on a visit to his properties on Lake of the Woods.

Mr. W. S. Rough of Winnipeg is registered at the Hilliard.

Capt. McGeauley of Beaver Mills, was in town this week.

Dan Sinclair of Mine Centre was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David John of the Mikado mine visited Mrs. Harbottle, Lakeside, this week.

Mr. Tapscott's theme at the Tabernacle Sunday evening is "Bugs with holes."

Thos. Larkin has been ill during the past week and consequently unable to attend to his numerous patrons.

Mr. Harry Wright will leave for Cape Nome about the end of April. Mr. Wright in conjunction with his

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Mrs. W. Johnson and Miss Adams, Second street, have gone into Winnipeg for a brief visit.

Sheriff Carpenter is confined to his home with illness.

A. C. Boyce has been quite ill for the past week.

Bannell Sawyer, of Montreal, has been in town for a few days looking after his mining interests.

Rev. Father Beaudin, who was for many years stationed here, is a guest of Father Poiras.

A. McLennan took a trip to Winnipeg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall left for an extended trip on Sunday to California.

Mrs. C. W. Hamilton of Winnipeg, has been in town a few days instructing her class in painting. The ladies of the China painting class have formed a club and will buy a kiln of their own.

A. Carmichael has been in Winnipeg attending the bonspiel.

Mr. H. W. Kennedy, who has been absent since December on a trip to eastern Canada returned this week.

Messrs. J. A. McCrossan, C. W. Belton, W. A. McLeod and A. Levesque were in Winnipeg this week attending a meeting of the High Court, I.O.F.

Geo. W. Smith returned Saturday night from a business trip to Winnipeg.

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Mr. Reynolds, manager of the Great Granite Mining Co., left Tuesday for the Nino mine with a crew of six men to add to the force at the mine. He reports that the work is progressing nicely, the ore showing up well.

D. T. Ferguson and wife spent Wednesday and Thursday in Winnipeg.

Acting Mayor Deacon spent a couple of days in Winnipeg this week.

D. L. Mather and R. A. Mather are in Winnipeg.

C. C. Chipman, chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Co., Winnipeg, passed through last night on a trip to England.

Mayor McCarthy and ex-Clerk Brydon leave for the east early next week.

Laney Hibbard, of Winnipeg, who has just returned from Dawson City, in conversation with THE MINER, said he met Mr. Jack Dick, who is well known here, endeavoring to get a large load of machinery which had been up on the Yukon river, to Dawson City.

J. E. Wynne expects shortly to visit his former home in the east, accompanied by his wife and Master Harold.

R. H. Ahn, who has been in Montreal the past few weeks, was interviewed by THE MINER and gave very convincing arguments to show the advantages of mining in western Ontario as compared with other mining regions. The interview, as published in the Star, was one of the best and most conservative exposition of the advantages of this district we have yet seen, and will undoubtedly have some effect in awakening the capitalists of the metropolis to the possibilities of legitimate investments awaiting them here.

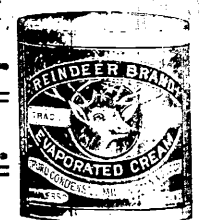
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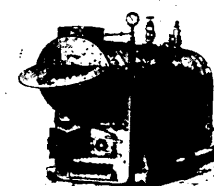
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R. Thompson, secretary of the Royal Jubilee hospital, makes the following statement for the week ending Feb. 17: Under treatment Feb. 11-19; admitted during week, 4; discharged, 1; deaths, 0.

The secretary of the hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of 1 box of papers, a donation from Friends. Also papers and magazines from Ladies of the Woods Club.

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